

Lines & Links

Geauga County still number one in library use!

From the Director ...

Geauga County is a great place to live. We have beautiful surroundings, a mixture of rural and suburban communities, and residents devoted to using their libraries. Once again, Geauga County has the highest per capita library borrowing in Ohio. The most recent figures show Geauga's per capita circulation at 25.3; the state of Ohio is 15.0.

This outstanding use of the library is most gratifying to the Board and the staff, but it does take its toll on resources. For the last six years our state funding, the major source of our revenue, has been frozen. In 2008, the legislature will move libraries to a new form of state funding, but with a projected increase of less than 1%. The freeze in our state funding has had a significant impact on the library's ability to remain "the best."

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Despite no increases in state funding, during this six year period our use has skyrocketed. Circulation is up by 26%, we have increased the number of Internet PC's, children's programs have included more offerings for teens, and programs for adults have grown by 500%.

As a result the Library Board had chosen to request voters to replace our levy this fall. Returning to our original 1.0 mill would be sufficient to keep the library's services at their current level. Due to legislative roll-backs, the millage rate has been reduced each year. Currently the levy millage is .806 mill. Net new taxes, therefore,

would be .194 mill or \$5.94 per year per \$100,000 of home value. This translates to less than ONE DOLLAR more per month for a \$200,000 home.

I urge Geauga county voters to consider the importance of the library to them, their families and their neighbors. The public library in America is unique - everybody pays a little and can get a lot. One visit to the library can more than pay for itself with the average cost of books, books on CD and DVD's at over \$25. It's a good deal!

Feel free to call me at work, 286-6811 x 101, or home, 286-7424, anytime. Happy Reading, Listening and Viewing! - Deborah F. O'Connor



Lots of wannabe wizards turned out at midnight for the new Harry Potter book release party.

Property tax break for seniors

The recently enacted State Budget included a provision that extends property tax relief to senior citizens regardless of income. The first \$25,000 of property value is no longer subject to property taxes.

Seniors (those 65 and over) must file paperwork by October 1, 2007 in order to receive this tax break on property taxes payable in 2008. Income to local

entities will not be reduced; instead the state will reimburse local governments those taxes. The average Geauga senior will save \$380. per year.

Forms and information are available at all Geauga County Public Libraries and County Auditor Tracy Jemison has posted information for Geauga homeowners at <http://www.auditor.co.geauga.oh.us/homestead/>

Special Interest Programs

Genealogy Classes

Celebrate Your Family's Unique History!
Explore ways to research & preserve your family history.

To register by e-mail: Sandy Malitz, Genealogy Specialist at raccoon@oplin.org. Subject line – Genealogy Class Registration. Include your name, phone number, and the classes you wish to attend. **In person or phone:** contact the library at which the class is being held.

"Getting Started With Your Family History"

Getting organized, home sources, interviewing, and introduction to some websites. Chardon Library (440) 285-7601, Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m.

"Maps & Migration Patterns "

Reasons for relocating, migration trails, records which show migration patterns. Chardon Library (440) 285-7601, Thursday, September 20, 7:00 p.m.

"Non Population Census Schedules"

Learn how to locate information about your ancestors' daily life through the agricultural, mortality, military, dependent & delinquent class schedules. Geauga West Library (440) 729-4250 Monday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

Writer's Groups

If you're interested in improving your writing skills, working toward publication, or having your writing critiqued, please join us!

Geauga West

"Writers' Workshop"

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

Middlefield

"Brink of Discovery Writers Group"

Tuesdays, September 4, 18, October 2, 16, 30, November 13, 27, December 11, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

"Creating a Snapshot of Your Family Using a Variety of Records" Learn painless ways to use the information you have already gathered (obituaries, census, probate, county history, etc.) to begin writing about your family. Bainbridge Library (440) 543-5611, Thursday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.

"Read All About It! Using Newspapers to Help Tell Your Family's Story" Types of information found in newspapers and how to locate the newspapers. Middlefield Library (440) 632-1961, Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m.

"Creating an Intergenerational Oral History Project"

Learn how to get young and old involved in recording their personal history for future generations. Bring a person of another generation with you. Geauga West Library (440) 729-4250, Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.

"Researching & Preserving Your Family's Food Heritage "

Learn about food history and how to preserve your family's culinary traditions. Each person is requested to bring a sample (serve 12) of a "bread" your family made or enjoyed. Bring a copy of the recipe to share with the class. Chardon Library (440) 285-7601, Thursday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.

Evening of Civil Discourse Global Warming – Fact or Fiction

Is Global Warming a fact or is it media hype? Come join us this evening to share your views on whether or not our planet is facing a global crisis.

Wednesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m. Chardon Library (440) 285-7601

Knitting & Crocheting

Bainbridge "Fiber Friends"

Bring your spinning wheel, knitting, or whatever else that is fiber related and join the group on the third Thursday of every month. Thursdays, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20, 6:30 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 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.

Middlefield "Gauga County's 4th Annual Knit-Out and Crochet"

It is Knit-Out and Crochet time around the country! Attractions include vendor displays, demonstrations, and a show of hand-knit items. Saturday, October 6, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Book Discussions

Bainbridge Mondays, 2:00 p.m.

September 17 *March: A Novel*
October 8 *When the Emperor was Divine*
November 12 *Storming Heaven*
December 10 TBA

Chardon Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Books are available one month before the discussion date. Refreshments are provided.
September 19 *Salt: a World History*
October 17 *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*
November 14 *Under the Banner of Heaven*

Geauga West Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
September 5 *Storming Heaven*
October 3 *Blackbird House*
November 7 TBA
December 5 TBA

Middlefield Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. We always welcome new members!
September, 13 *Stones from the River*
October 11 *Travels with my Donkey*
November 8 *The Circus in Winter*
December, 13 *Ella Minnow Pea*

Thompson Sundays, 2:00 p.m. *Dessert Club*
September 16, October 21, November 18

Book Sales

Bainbridge - Sponsored by The Bainbridge Women's Club

Tuesday, Sept. 11 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Preview sale for Women's Club and Friends of the Bainbridge Library
Tuesday, Sept. 11 6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Open to Public
Wednesday, Sept. 12 9:00 a.m. – 8:45 p.m. Open to Public
Thursday, Sept. 13 9:00 a.m. – 8:45 p.m. Open to Public
Friday, Sept. 14 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Bag Day!
Saturday, Sept. 15 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Bag Day!

Chardon "Cuddle-up-for-Winter Booksale"

Saturday, Nov. 3 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Friends Preview
(You may join or renew your membership at the door)
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open to Public
Sunday, Nov. 4 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open to Public

Geauga West - Sponsored by The West Geauga Friends of the Library

Wednesday Nov. 7 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Members Only
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Open to Public
Thursday, Nov. 8 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Open to Public
Friday, Nov. 9 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bag Day
Saturday, Nov. 10 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Double Bag Day

Middlefield - Sponsored by The East Geauga Friends of the Library

Ongoing book sale. in our Friends Room. You'll find great bargains and a friendly atmosphere. Weekdays in the afternoon.

Bookmobile - Sponsored by the Friends of the Bookmobile

Geauga County Fairgrounds. The Book Stop is located just inside the north gate. Thursday, August 30 – Monday, September 3, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Bainbridge Youth Programs



Registration required, begins September 10
Babytime
Fridays, October 12, 19, November 2, 9,
December 7, 14.
Sessions limited to 18 babies.

Ages 3 – 12 months
With adult caregiver. 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Ages 12 – 24 months
With adult caregiver. 10:45 a.m. – 11:15
a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Storytimes
September 18 – October 24.

Holiday storytimes: November 27 – 29
and December 4 – 6. No session on
October 25. Make-up date November 1.

Toddler Storytimes
2 – 3 years 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 Ages 3 – 5 years
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.
Sessions limited to 18 children.

School Age
All programs on Thursdays.

K - 2

"Garbage Detectives"
What mystery is hidden in the bags of
garbage? See what you can discover.
Holly Carine from the Trumbull-
Geauga Solid Waste Management
District will present the program.
October 11, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Session limited to 40.

"Construction Zone"
November 15 is National America
Recycles Day. See what you can
create out of common recyclable
household items. Hat not
required. November 15, 4:00 p.m. –
5:00 p.m. Session limited to 40.

"Holidays around the World"
Find out how children in other countries
celebrate December holidays with stories,
crafts, and treats. December 6, 4:00 p.m.
– 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 40.

Grades 3 - 5

"Science All Around Us"
Two science teachers who are members
of the American Chemical Society will
lead you through fun, hands-on science
experiments. October 18, 4:30 p.m. –
5:45 p.m. Session limited to 30.

"Birds of Prey"
Using color slides and recorded calls, this
program introduces our local hawks and
owls by sight and sound. Feathers, pellets
and other avian artifacts reveal much
about the predatory nature of these birds.
The program concludes with a "build-a-
bird" activity, that shows how birds of prey
are ecologically dressed for success as
hunters. A Geauga Park Naturalist will
present the program.
November 1, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Make a Holiday Present"
Craft a surprise art project that you can
give to someone special this holiday sea-
son. December 13, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Session limited to 25.

Teens Grades 6 and up.

"Dance, Dance, Revolution"
Dance the afternoon away at our DDR
round-robin tourney.
October 4, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"LOL @ your library"
Stop in and try your hand at some
passive contests and puzzles in
celebration of Teen Read Week.
October 14 – 20.

"Tie-Dye Techniques"
You'll be "dying" to show off your creative
skills after you attend this workshop.
Learn the basics as we make samples of
several tie-dye techniques.
November 8, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Session limited to 20.
Materials and supplies will be provided.

"Tropical Games Day"
Snow may be flying, but warm up with
our Tropical Games! Learn some new,
play some old stand-bys.
November 29, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Family

Registration begins September 10.

Children grades 1 – 5

"NEOEA Day Movie"
No school? Then come to the library for a
movie and popcorn! Bring a pillow (the
floor is hard). Call for details.
Friday, October 12, 2:00 p.m.

Adult/Family

Families with children grade 3 and up.

"Just How Weird is Ohio?"
So you think you know everything about
Ohio? Join us as author James Wallis
delves into the state's urban legends, road-
side oddities and bizarre phenomena that
could make your next road trip a bit more
colorful.
Sunday, October 21, 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins September 4.

Family

"Big Boo Revue"
Join the Youth Services librarians for the
annual Big Boo Revue, a program of fun
Halloween songs and stories for all ages.
Wear your Halloween costume if you
wish. Thursday, October 25, 4:00 p.m. –
5:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

1st grade to Adult

"BANJO the Clown – Behind the Makeup"
Patrick Jolly presents a personal look at
one of Northeast Ohio's premier working
clowns. Patrick will speak about his
motivation and the creation of BANJO.
The common fear of clowns will also be
discussed. Bring the entire family and see
how a clown is really more than makeup
and funny clothes. Saturday, November
10, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kindergarten and up

"Create a Holiday Ornament"
A "drop in" time to make a holiday orna-
ment with your child. Paint may be used
so wear play clothes. Plan to spend about
half an hour to complete this project.
Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. –
12:00 p.m.

Chardon Youth Programs



Storytime

September 17 - October 26.
Registration begins September 5.

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) 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 – Classic Tales Age 3 – Kindergarten

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

School Age

Registration begins September 6.

Grades K – 2

"Masquerade Halloween Party" Make a mask to wear at our Halloween Party. Enjoy festive games and prizes, snacks, monster music and Halloween jokes and stories! Thursday and Friday, October 25, 26, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 50.

"Adventures in Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium" Join us for adventures in a magical toy store, "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium" based on the new movie. Thursday and Friday, November 29, 30, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 50.

"Elves Gone Wild!" Elves have been eating too many cookies and playing too much. Will everything be ready in time for Santa's big ride? Thursday and Friday, December 13, 14, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 50.

Grades 3 - 5

"Popcorn Poppin' Month"

October is National Popcorn Month. Join us to learn the history, sample different kinds and create a poppin' craft. Thursday, October 18, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Wild Detectives"

Come see the "Geauga Park District Wildlife Detectives Program". It is sure to thrill you. A naturalist from the Geauga Park District will present this program. Thursday, November 15, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Winter Projects and Presents"

Create "something" special for "someone" special in your life. Have it wrapped and ready for the Holiday Season. Thursday, December 10, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

Teens Grades 6 - 12

"Teen Volunteer Group" Join the fun, help with children's programs, and receive volunteer hours for NJHS and other organizations. Mondays, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Babysitting Clinic" Back by popular demand, our babysitting clinics provide information on the basics of safety, first aid and child care. This clinic participants must attend both sessions and will be awarded a certificate at the end of the clinic. Friday, September 21, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 22, 1:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"Haunted Ohio" Learn about different haunted lore and sites in Ohio. Come share your own personal story too! Wednesday, October 24, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Test Your Taste Buds!" Let your tastebuds decide which is the best pizza and cola in town. Join us as we taste and vote! Wednesday, November 7, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Session limited to 30.

Family Storytimes

Registration begins September 5.

"PJ Family Storytime" Bring the children dressed in pj's (optional) for stories, finger-paints, projects, and fun. For families with children of all ages. Monday, September 17, Tuesday, October 16, Thursday, November 15, 7:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 25 families.

Families with children up to age 6

"Boo at the Library" Dress in costume and join us for stories and snacks. Monday, October 29, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 30, 10:30 a.m. Sessions limited to 75.

Holiday Family Storytime Celebrate the holidays with your family at storytime. Holiday stories, a puppet show, songs, and rhymes help to set the mood for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Sessions limited to 75.

"Thanksgiving Storytime" Monday, November 19, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.

"Christmas Storytime"

Monday, December 10, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.

Fall Specials

Registration begins September 6.

"Guys Read Sunday" (guys only)

Grades K–2 Wear your favorite hat and hear "a guy", Mr. Qualls, read the funniest and best hat stories ever. 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5 Enjoy an hour with "the guys" while discussing *The BFG* with Mr. Qualls. He will have anecdotes and activities for you to share with other guys. 2:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

Grades 6 and up

Read the book *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster*. Then discuss this book and hear other mountain climbing stories with Jack Bennett, local author *Not Won in a Day: Climbing Canada's High Points*. 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, September 16.

Grades K- 5 (girls only)

"A Girl's Teddy Bear Etiquette Tea" Girls, it's tea time with friends and favorite teddy bears. Bring a bear of your own or one of ours. Practice good table manners and setting the table properly. Sample delicious tea goodies. Friday, September 28, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

Students K – 5

"NEOEA Movie Day! No School!" Don't go "over the edge" on NEOEA day. Come to the library for a fun movie and popcorn on our theater wall. "Hedge" your bet on what the title is . . . Call for details. Friday, October 12, 1:00 p.m. Session limited to 25.

Family

"Celebrate Children's Book Week"

"Literature Leap! Bringing books to life!" Chardon's own Robin Echols-Cooper, accompanied by Dave Young, will help us celebrate the joy of books and the love of reading we share with our children. If you love stories and great music, don't miss this! Sunday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.

"Annual Family Christmas Program"

Chardon Youth Services staff will present the fun puppet show "How Santa Got His Reindeer". We'll sing, we'll dance, we'll eat, and oh, yes! A visit from Santa himself! Bring your camera. Sunday, December 9, 1:30 p.m.



Geauga West Youth Programs



Storytimes

Fall 1- Storytimes run from September 10 through November 2. Registration is required and begins on August 29.

Fall 2- Storytimes run from November 26 through December 14. Registration is required for this session, as well, and begins on November 14.

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 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.

Chardon Homeschool K – 6th

Registration begins September 6. Programs on Thursdays. Sessions limited to 50.

"Monarchs on the Move!" Join us for a special monarch butterfly program presented by a naturalist from the Geauga Park District. Learn about this beautiful butterfly's life cycle and the information learned about their transcontinental migration from tagging them. September 13, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

"Fall Leaf 'Stain Glass' Sun Catcher" Celebrate fall as we appreciate the changing of colors in fall leaves and create a beautiful fall leaf "stain glass" looking sun catcher. A leafy snack and more fun included. October 18, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Wild about Turkeys!" Don't miss this fun filled program stuffed with turkey stories, jokes, games, treats and crafts. You'll be wild about turkeys too! November 15, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Busy Little Elves" As elves, you'll be busy making and wrapping a special holiday gift. Festive music, jokes, stories and snacks will keep your spirits high. December 13, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

Family Programs

"Grandparents Are Great!"

Spend a little special time with Grandma and/or Grandpa for some old-fashioned fun.
Sunday, September 9, 2:00 p.m.

"Hugs and Kisses"

Celebrate 100 years of Hershey Chocolates! Games and crafts will be enjoyed as we go down memory lane...with a sweet treat ending.
Sunday, October 21, 2:00 p.m.

"The Reluctant Dragons Puppet Show"

Celebrate Children's Book Week with Emmy-Winning puppeteer Nancy Sander's unique version of this classic tale. Thursday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

"A Family Holiday"

Come drink some hot chocolate and listen to seasonal stories. Afterward, we'll make something the whole family will enjoy!
Sunday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.

Grades K – 3

"Harvest Fun"

Enjoy stories, crafts and activities about pumpkins, scarecrows, and other fall things.
Thursday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.

"Art in October"

Celebrate your creative side as we make masterpieces in sculpture, watercolor, and mixed media!
Thursday, October 18, 7:00p.m.

"Celebrate Books"

In honor of Children's Book Week, let's celebrate with games and crafts related to some of our favorite tales and authors!
Tuesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

"Happy 50th Birthday, Mr. Grinch!"

Celebrate the 50th birthday of Dr. Seuss' classic character with all things grinchy!
Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Grades 4 – 5

"Water, Water Everywhere"

Come for science experiments and just plain fun with water.
Thursday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.

"Afternoon Movie"

School's out early, so come to the library to watch a movie and eat snacks. The movie title will be announced two weeks prior to showing.
Thursday, November 1, 2:00 p.m.

"Seeing is Believing?"

Fun with optical illusions.
Thursday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Teens

Grade 6 – 12

"Board Game Bonanza"

Games and snacks—what a way to relax after school! Wednesday, September 12, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.


"LOL @ Your Library"

Bring all your BFFs and enjoy an XLNT movie that will have U ROTFL. FYI: There will be free snacks and drinks, too :) Thursday, October 18, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.


"Booksale Bellhops"

Get some volunteer hours by helping to set up and carry bags/boxes of books for the Friends of the Library Booksale. Call the library to schedule your time. Tuesday-Saturday, November 6 – 10, times vary.

"Operation Santa Paws"

'Tis the season to give gifts! Bring a donation for Rescue Village (see their website for suggestions) and we'll make something that you may donate or keep for your own pet.
Thursday, December 6, 4:00 p.m. 

Newbury Youth Programs

No sign-up is required and drop-ins are welcome. All ages through Kindergarten are welcome. Week of September 17 – week of October 22. Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. 

Middlefield Youth Programs

Storytimes

No registration required.

Babytime

6 – 24 months
Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Time for Twos

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

Preschool Storytime

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

Family Storytime

All ages Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

School Age

Registration begins September 4.

Grade K – 3

"If You Give a Mouse a Cookie!"

Share this funny book with some milk n' cookies along with a special little mouse friend. Thursday, September 13, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grade 4, 5

"Kids Café"

Play games, sing Karaoke and make a snack at this after school fun event! Thursday, September 27, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Walk Like an Egyptian"

Visit the land of the great Pyramids with stories, crafts and some funny mummy games. Thursday, November 8, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Grade K – 3

"We're Going on a Bear Hunt!" Join us for a camping trip at the Middlefield Library complete with marshmallows, campfire stories and songs. Thursday, November 15, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Homeschool Grade K - 8

Registration begins September 4.

"Let's Learn About Musical Instruments"

Roadhouse music will present a program on different types of musical instruments and information on careers in music. Wednesday, September 12, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 40.

"I Want My Mummy!" Explore the mysteries of ancient Egypt through stories, crafts and games. Wednesday, October 10, 1:00 p.m.

"Library Trivia Quest" Discover everything there is to see in the library and how to find it! Wednesday, November 14, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 P.M.

"Mad Science" Learn about forces, friction, energy and more through fun experiments and games. Wednesday, December 12, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Teens Grades 6 - 12

Registration begins September 4.

"Eat It Up" Learn some simple recipes to ward off after-school munchies or to share with friends. Tuesday, September 11, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Whose Line is it Anyway?" Need a good laugh? Think you can make people laugh? Make your comedy debut at our version of "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Thursday, October 18, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

"Hip Hair" Find the perfect "do" for Homecoming. Brad from Hair Plus is the presenter. Date and time to be announced.

"You Can't Do That at the Library!"

Paper airplanes, cart races, all the things you'd get yelled at for during regular hours! Saturday, November 10, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

"Mehndi Tattoo and a Taste of India"

Sample some curry and learn about the art of Mehndi. Create your own henna tattoo. Thursday, December 13, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Family

Registration begins September 4.

All age levels

"Where the Wild Things Are" Let's get wild with this timeless classic by Maurice Sendak. We'll make masks, play games, and have other "wild" fun! Tuesday, October 16, 4:00 p.m.

"Happy Howl-een!" Join us for some spooky Halloween fun! Saturday, October 27, 3:00 p.m.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas..."

Join us for Christmas stories by the fireplace and other holiday FUN! Thursday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. No registration required.

Parents

"Every Child Ready to Read" Parents, join us for an evening of ideas and activities you can do at home to develop early literacy skills with your child! Thursday, November 29, 7:00 p.m.

"MySpace Safety" Parents, this one's for you! Learn the benefits and dangers of MySpace and connect with your kids in a new and important way. Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.

Thompson Youth Programs

No registration required.

Family

"Pet Pictures with Santa"

Have your special family member's picture taken with Santa. Sunday, December 2, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Tree Lighting Ceremony"

Join us in the Thompson Square for the annual tree lighting ceremony with cocoa and cookies afterward. Sunday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Storytime

Preschool – 2nd grade.

September 17 – November 7. Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

School Age Grades 1 – 5

"Mad Scientists Club"

Special science programs each month Thursdays, September 13, October 11, November 8, 4:30 p.m.

Teen Grades 6 - 12

"Teen Book Discussion"

Share your favorite books with your friends while munching on snacks. Tuesdays, September 25, October 30, November 27, 4:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

Bainbridge

"Friends of the Bainbridge Library Wreath Auction" Bainbridge Friends of the Library will sponsor a wreath decoration contest. Pick up your wreath starting October 6.

"Antiques Road Show" For \$5.00 the Friends of the Bainbridge Library offer an opportunity to bring in up to 3 hand-held treasures for a professional appraiser to evaluate. Monday, October 15, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration begins September 10.

"Fooling Mother Nature" Enjoy daffodils and tulips over the winter. Container, soil, and bulbs provided. \$12.00 fee. Thursday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. Registration begins September 4. Session limited to 10.

"Dahlias – the new 'in' flower" Learn about award winning dahlia growing techniques. Sunday, September 30, 2:00 p.m. Registration begins September 4.

"Card Making" Learn the art of making cards. \$10.00 supply fee. Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m. Registration begins September 4. Session limited to 10.

"Craft a Crystal Bracelet" Create an adjustable bracelet by stringing, crimping and attaching a chain and using jet crystal and sterling silver. Crimpers, chain nose pliers, and round nose pliers welcome. Materials fee \$18.00 Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 p.m. Registration begins September 4. Session limited to 18.

"Socrates Cafe" Participants pose questions, listen to others, raise challenges and consider alternative answers. Mondays, September 17, October 8, November 12, 3:00 p.m. Thursdays, October 11, November 8, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Chardon

"Fascinating Fossils" Everything you ever wanted to know about fossils and fossil collecting. Come early to see the fossils including dinosaur bones, fossilized fish, and trilobites. Tuesday, September 18, 7 p.m.

"Trim-a-Tree Contest and Silent Auction" Chardon Friends of the Library and Chardon Square Association sponsor this annual contest. Tree pick up begins October 9.

"A Tourist in Afghanistan" Local attorney, world traveler and photographer Paul Newman shares his recent visit to Afghanistan in slides and comments. Thursday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 75.

"Ghost Ballads" Join balladeer Hank Arbaugh presenting his popular "Ghost Ballads" program featuring historical ballads going back to medieval days. Appropriate for children Grades 3+ as well as adults. Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.

"An Evening with Abraham Lincoln" A program to honor veterans featuring Pete Raymond, of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, bringing our 16th president to life. Appropriate for children in grades 3+ as well as adults. Monday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.

"Wrap-a-Thon!" Hate wrapping gifts? It's more fun when you have the right setting and tools. Bring your gifts & some gift wrap. We'll have tables, scissors, tape, and some recycled trims. A special treat features ideas for "green-wrapping"—environmentally-friendly gift wrap that is recyclable or part of the present. Seasonal music will add to the fun. Wednesday, November 28. Green-wrapping, 6:00-6:30 p.m. "Wrap-a-thon", 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Geauga West

Call (440) 729-4250 to register for these programs.

"Look, Lunch and Listen " Bring your lunch and join us as we enjoy a different and entertaining program each week. Coffee will be provided. October 3, 10, 17, 24, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library.

"Make your own Pendant Necklace" Make a dangling pendant of jet crystal to accent a necklace with a sterling silver clasp. Learn techniques of stringing, crimping, making wire loops, and wire wrapping. Crimper, round nose pliers, chain nose pliers, and wire cutters welcome. Material fee: \$25. Thursday, September 20, 6:30 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. Space is limited. Friday, October 19, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

"End of the Year Cards" Learn new ways to make cards for Thanksgiving and end of year occasions. Bring scissors and double-sided tape to class. Materials fee: \$5.00. Sunday, November 4, 1:30 p.m.

"Music for Browsing" A local musician provides holiday music to enhance your book browsing. No registration. Sunday, December 2, 2:00 p.m.

"Trains in the Library" A local model train enthusiast will set up a simple G-scale track layout in the Children's area and run trains from his collection around the track. Bring the kids and grandchildren! No registration. Sunday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.

Middlefield

Registration begins September 4.

"Tips on Getting Published" Want to get your book, poem, or story published? Learn the submission process, markets and importance of precise cover letters and synopses. Wednesday, September 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

"Fall Films" Join us once a month for fresh popcorn and a movie. Fridays, September 21, October 19, November 16, 6:45 p.m.

"Cemeteries and Symbolism in Early Geauga County" Molly Sergi of the Kent State Geauga History Department will discuss her research at a Geauga County cemetery and explain the history behind the cemetery elements and certain buried residents. A must-see for anyone interested in Geauga County History. Thursday, October 24, 7:00 p.m. Registration is required.

Family Program/Adult

No registration required.

"The Sounds of the Season" Join us around the fireplace at Middlefield Library for an hour of favorite holiday music played by local pianist Marcia Willman. Get a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy the "Sounds of the Season". Sunday, December 16, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Teen/Adult No registration required.

"Manga and Comics Club"

Are you a teen or adult reader of comics, manga, or graphic novels? Join us for a discussion about comics/manga and/or watch anime! New members always welcome. Thursdays, September 6, October 4, November 1, 6:30 p.m.

Adult Internet Classes



Bainbridge

Registration begins September 4.
Call (440)543-5611 to register.

"Internet Tutorials" Our one-on-one tutorials provide hands-on training that is tailored to match your needs. Monday, October 29, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 30, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Check Out Downloadable Books, Videos and Music 24/7!" Learn how to download books, videos and music from the GCPL website to your computer, MP3 player or PDA. Please note: Ipods and Macintosh computers are not compatible. Monday, September 24, 7:00 p.m.

Chardon

Registration begins September 4. Classes limited to 5. Call (440)285-7601 to register.

"Meet the Mouse" For beginners with little or no computer experience. Monday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, October 10, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

"Surf the Net" Introduces searching options to those with good mouse skills. Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 26, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

"Smart Searching" Demonstrates efficient Internet searching techniques for those familiar with the Internet. Monday, October 8, 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, November 26, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Geauga West

Classes limited to 6. Call 729-4250 to register

"Introduction to the Internet" A basic class for beginners. Wednesdays, September 26, 10:00 a.m., October 17, 10:00 a.m.

"Basic Internet Searching" Learn to use Search Engines and Subject Directories. Wednesdays, October 3, 10:00 a.m., October 24, 10:00 a.m.

"Super Searcher" Advanced searching techniques for the Internet. Thursday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.

"Basic Excel" Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel. Wednesday, September 26, 2:00 p.m.

"Basic Microsoft Word" Learn the basics of Microsoft Word. Wednesday, October 17, 2:00 p.m.

Middlefield

Call 440-632-1961 to register.

"Internet Tutorials" During October and December, come to the Middlefield Library for one-on-one tutorial tailored to your needs. The one-hour sessions are limited. Mondays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 3, 10, 17, 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

"Email Made Easy!" This class will help you through creating an email account. You will learn email basics so you can keep in touch with friends and family. Tuesdays, September 18 or November 27, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 5.

"Computer Basics" Do you want to learn about computers, but have little or no experience with them? Well then this class is for you! It focuses on Windows and basic Internet navigation. Tuesdays, September 4 or November 20, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 5.



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Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023
(440) 543-5611

Newbury Public Library Station

14775 Auburn Road
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
(440) 298-3831

Geauga West Library

13455 Chillicothe Road
Chesterland, Ohio 44026
(440) 729-4250

Bookmobile

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