

Lines & Links

Libraries Serve the Youngest Readers

Geauga County Public Library now offers you several ways to help your young children practice and enjoy reading.

Bookflix is a new online literacy resource for children in grades PreK to 3. It pairs classic video storybooks with non-fiction eBooks, allowing children to use their reading skills and build knowledge. Bookflix is available both in the libraries and from home, via our website www.geaugalibrary.org, with a GCPL library card.

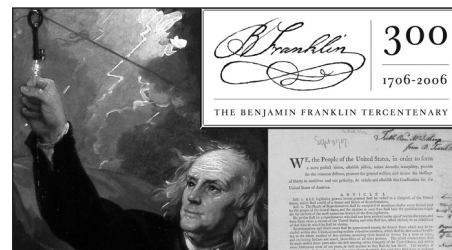
All of the early reading books, catalogued "JER" at Chardon, Bainbridge, Middlefield, and Geauga West libraries, are now labeled so that you can help your children choose titles most suited to their abilities. Pre-emergent, emergent, early fluent and fluent books are labeled by color—blue, green, purple, and orange, respectively. Details are available at each library.

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GCPL librarians and volunteers worked many hours to complete this project. Barb Inderlied, a member of the Geauga County Library Foundation, enlisted volunteers who traveled throughout Geauga County, leveling and labeling in the various libraries. To date, retired teachers and other volunteers have donated over 430 hours to this project! The volunteers include Barb Inderlied, Judy Carruthers, Pat Weyandt, Ann Lyman, Anna Lee Bryan, Nancy Speck, Merril Gray, Mary Jean Moreno, Clara Kievets, Jean Paine, Barbara Kross, Terry Rossiter, Jan Stewart, Helen Wilson, and Katrina Loar. Many thanks to this dedicated and knowledgeable group!



Middlefield Library hosts : August 21 to October 3

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World

Space is limited, so be sure to call the library at 440-632-1961 to register for one or more programs listed on page 6.

The Library Stations That Could

Remember the children's book, *The Little Engine That Could?* The little train engine motivated herself by repeating "I think I can" over and over, and then she successfully pulled her load over the mountain.

Geauga County Public Library is also very proud of our little library stations who not only "think they can"....they know they can! The Thompson Library Station is located in Ledgemont High School right off the central traffic circle, and The Newbury Library Station is found in Newbury High School just north of the Route 87 and Auburn intersection.

The stations have fewer public hours than the larger public library buildings, but they are open school days for the school population. Both Ledgemont and Newbury School systems have contracted with Geauga County Public Library to provide

library service in their buildings. The school systems hire the daytime librarians, and the public library hires the public service librarians. The stations are open Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., (both are closed on Fridays) and Saturday and Sunday (September through May) noon to 4:00 p.m. Both stations provide additional daytime hours when they conduct storytimes.

Both locations have Internet access, and Newbury actually has nine public computers in conjunction with the school. Both locations are on the daily delivery route among all the buildings, and they each have annual book sales, special events, and a staff dedicated to excellent customer service. So if you want a smaller and cozier library experience where you are more likely to find the DVD or best seller sitting on the shelf, try the Thompson or Newbury library station.

Special Interest Programs

Genealogy Classes

Registration Required

For additional information, contact Sandy Malitz at 285-7601 or raccoon@oplin.org.

"Getting Started With Your Family History"

Includes some hands-on computer exercises. Chardon Library, 285-7601. Wednesday, September 3, 6:30 p.m.

"Researching Colonial Ancestors"

Middlefield Library, 632-1961. Thursday, September 4, 7:00 p.m.

"20 Free Websites" Bainbridge Library, 543-5611. Monday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.

"Genealogy Research – Ancestry to Zines – A Potpourri of Sources"

Geauga West Library, 729-4250. Wednesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.

"Questions & Answers" Submit your research questions by September 30. Chardon Library, 285-7601. Monday, October 6, 6:30 p.m.

"Searching, Searching, Searching – Instruction and Assistance" Internet search techniques and websites and time to research YOUR family. This is a hands-on class. Ability to search the internet is required. Instructions will be provided when you register. Geauga West Library, 729-4250. Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 12.

"Introduction to European Research"

Chardon Library, 285-7601. Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.

Fiber Crafts

Bainbridge "Fiber Friends"

Thursdays, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, 6:00 p.m.

Geauga West "Sit and Knit – Stay and Crochet" 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00 am – 11:30 am.

"Finding Records in Unusual Places"

Geauga West Library, 729-4250. Thursday, November 6, 6:30 p.m.

"Preparing for the Holidays" Perfect for all levels of research experience. Chardon Library, 285-7601. Saturday, November 15, 10:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Meet the Genealogy Specialist" If you are having trouble with your research, schedule a one hour appointment. For more details, contact Sandy Malitz at the Chardon Library, 285-7601.

"McGenealogy" One hour introduction to family history. Chardon Library. Bring information about your family. Thursday, October 2, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 20, 1:00 p.m. Limited to 4.

Book Discussions

Bainbridge Mondays, 2:00 p.m.
September 15, *Suite Francaise*
October 20, *Memory Keeper's Daughter*
November 10, *Swallows of Kabul*
December 8, *A Cup of Tea*
Socrates Café following book discussions at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Chardon Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Books are available one month before the discussion. Refreshments are served.
September 17, *Emma*
October 15, *House: A Memoir*
November 19, *Travels With My Donkey*

Geauga West Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
October 1, *Tallgrass*
November 5, *What the Dead Know*
December 3, *Three Cups of Tea*
January 7, *A Dog's Life*

Middlefield Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome.
September 11, *Cellophane*
October 9, *Claudine's House*
November 13, *American Chica*
December 11, *Sweet & Low*

Thompson Sundays, 2:00 p.m. Books to be announced. September 21, October 19, November 16.

Computer Classes

Bainbridge Call 543-5611 to register.
"Internet Classes"
Tuesday, Nov. 18, Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Chardon Call 285-7601 to register.
"Computer Basics" Wednesday, October 1, 9:30 a.m., Monday, November 3, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, 9:30 a.m.
"Learn to Use the New Library Catalog" Tuesday, September 30, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 1, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 5, 9:30 a.m.
"Internet Basics" Tuesday, September 30, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.
"Savvy Searching" Thursday, October 2, 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, 9:30 a.m.
"Advanced Searching" Monday, September 29, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 9:30 a.m., Monday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.

Geauga West Call 729-4250 to register.
"Introduction to the Internet"
Wednesdays, Sept. 17 and Oct. 8, 2:00 p.m.
"Basic Internet Searching"
Wednesday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 15, 2:00 p.m.
"Super Searcher"
Thursday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.
"Basic Excel"
Thursday, October 23, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
"Basic Word"
Tuesday, October 21, 2:00 p.m.

Middlefield Call 632-1961 to register.
"Computer Basics" Tuesdays, October 7 or November 18, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
"Email Made Easy" Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
"Writing in Microsoft Word"
Tuesday, November 25, 6:30– 8:00 p.m.

Writer's Group 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, September 2, 16, 30, October 14, 28, November 11, 25, December 9, 23, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Book Sales

Bainbridge - Sponsored by The Bainbridge Women's Club
Tuesday, Sept. 9 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Preview sale for Women's Club and Friends of the Bainbridge Library *
Tuesday, Sept. 9 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Open to Public
Wednesday, Sept. 10 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Open to Public
Thursday, Sept. 11 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Open to Public
Friday, Sept. 12 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bag Day!
Saturday, Sept. 13 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Bag Day!

Chardon - "Cuddle-up-for-Winter Book Sale"

Saturday, Nov. 8 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Friends Preview *
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open to Public
Sunday, Nov. 9 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open to Public

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

Geauga West - Sponsored by The West G Friends of the Library
Wednesday Nov. 12 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Members Only
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Open to Public
Thursday Nov. 13 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Members Only
Friday Nov. 14 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open to Public
Saturday Nov. 15 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bag Day

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

Newbury - Friends of the Newbury Library Booksale
On-going during regular hours of operation,
December 24 - January 4.

Bainbridge Youth Programs



Registration required for all programs, begins September 8.

Babytimes

Fridays: October 3, 10; November 7, 14; December 5, 12. Sessions limited to 15 babies.

Ages 3 – 12 months

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Ages 12 – 24 months

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Storytimes

September 23 – November 13

No sessions October 28 - 30.

Holiday Storytimes: December 9 – 11.

Toddler Storytime

2 – 3 years with caregiver

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon,
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

Preschool Storytime

3 – 5 years

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.,
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Thursday 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Bookbugs

Kindergarten

Wednesday 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

School Age

All programs on Thursdays.

Grades K – 2

“Scarecrows Galore!”

Scarecrows and fall go together. Learn scarecrow history, play scarecrow games, share scarecrow stories, and make a mini-scarecrow to take home.

October 2, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Here Come the Trolls”

Nasty or nice, trolls are common characters in Scandinavian folklore. Let’s meet some trolls and maybe, if you are lucky, you can catch one to take home.

October 23, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Session limited to 35.

“Where the Wild Things Are”

Join Max for a visit to the Island of the Wild Things.

November 20, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Session limited to 35.

Grades 3 – 5

“Have an Awesome Time with Chemistry!!”

Help celebrate our 14th year of National Chemistry Week! The award-winning Cleveland Section of the American Chemical Society invites you to join us for an awesome hour of hands-on fun with chemistry.

October 16, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Session limited to 30.

“Checkmate!”

Would you like to learn the game of chess or do you already know how to play? Learn the fundamentals or be paired up and enjoy the game. If you’d rather play checkers, that’s okay, too. Please bring a chess or checkers set to the program.

November 13, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Holiday Card Making”

Cards are so much fun to make and give during the holidays. This activity is sure to bring out your creative side! Please bring any gel or paint pens and markers that you may want to use; other materials will be provided.

December 11, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Teen

Grades 6 and up

“Dance Dance Revolution”

Show off your moves as you dance the afternoon away at our round robin DDR tournament.

October 9, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Gocks!”

Huh? What’s a gock, you say? It’s a Goth sock puppet! We will provide materials (and snacks) as you get creative and make your own gock.

November 6, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Chocolate Event”

If you’re a fan of this sweet treat, this program is for you. Learn how it is produced, play games featuring chocolate, and taste, taste, taste!

December 4, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Family

Please note age recommendation

“American Heart Association First Aid”

Assistant Chief Wayne Burge of the Bainbridge Township Fire Department and other certified instructors will be teaching the Heartsaver First Aid course from the American Heart Association. This class will increase your ability to administer life-saving methods at critical times when family and others may need it most. Please bring a snack if you wish. Saturday, October 4, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For families with children grades 4 and up. Session limited to 12.

“Big Boo Revue”

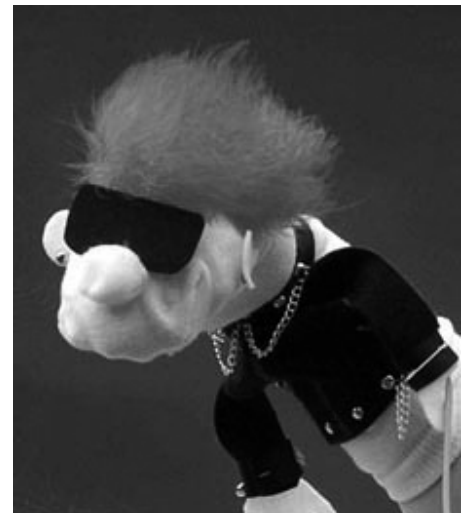
Join the Youth Services librarians for the annual Big Boo Revue, a fun program of Halloween songs and stories. Wear your Halloween costume if you wish. Thursday, October 30, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

“Who Let the Dogs Out?”

Bainbridge Police Officer John Weiner and K-9 Tango will visit us with “tales” of their typical days together. Afterwards, join us for a hot dog lunch! Saturday, November 1, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Session limited to 35.

“An Old-Fashioned Taffy Pull”

Experience the tradition of a taffy pull from days gone by. Along with learning a little history, you will be given a “hunk” of taffy to pull with your family! Saturday, December 6, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 30.



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Chardon Youth Programs

Storytimes

September 15 - October 31.
Week of Oct. 27-31 will feature
Halloween Stories.
Registration begins Wednesday,
September 3.

Babytime

Birth – 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 months – 36 months (with caregiver)
No siblings, please. Wednesdays, 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

"Alphabet Train"

3 years – Kindergarten

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

School Age

Registration begins Thursday, September 4

Grades K-5

"Fairies, Elves, Gnomes, and a Boggart"

Put your fantastic wand (that you will
make) to work. Dress for the occasion if
you would like! Thursday, September 18,
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. OR Friday, September
19, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grades K-2

"Boys Detective Club and Movie"

Boys, practice your detective skills as we
help the famous boy detective
Encyclopedia Brown solve a book and
movie mystery. Enjoy our big screen
and a popcorn snack. Then let's solve
the mystery. Bring a pillow if you wish.
Friday, September 26, 4:00 p.m. – 5:15
p.m. Session limited to 25.

"Jack-O-Lanterns Alive!"

Light traditionally carved beet, turnip,
gourd, and pumpkin lanterns. Legends
and fun activities included. Friday,
October 24, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Session limited to 50.

"Wacky Home Experiments!"

Friday, November 14, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00
p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Rescue Reindeer!" Tales tell how rein-
deer have helped Santa with his famous
ride. Join in reindeer games, make a
reindeer ornament and nibble on some
snacks. Friday, December 12, 4:00 p.m.
– 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

Grades 3-5

"Boys Detective Club and Movie"

Bring a pillow if you wish.
Thursday, September 25, 4:00 p.m. –
5:15 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"A Mystery Book Extravaganza"

"C" what fun a book can be. Games
and other activities all based on a single
book. Title announced at registration.
Thursday, October 9, 4:00 p.m. –
5:00 p.m. Session limited to 30.

"Experiments for the Home" Try your
hand at science with wacky home
experiments. Thursday, November 13,
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Winter Fun Movie" Bring a pillow.
Popcorn provided. Title to be deter-
mined by November 3.
Thursday, December 4, 4:00 p.m.
Session limited to 50.

Teen Grade 6 and above.

Registration begins Thursday, September 4.

"Teen Volunteer Group"

Join the fun and free eats. Help with
children's programs and receive volun-
teer hours for NJHS, NHS, and other
organizations. Mondays, September 8,
October 13, November 3, and December 1,
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. No registration
necessary for these meetings.

"Ice Cream Cone History"

Enjoy eating ice cream from a cone?
Come join us and make your own cone
while learning about the history of the
cone. Monday, September 22, 3:00 pm
– 4:00 p.m. Session limited to 25..

"Babysitting Clinic"

Back again by popular demand, our
Babysitting Clinic provides informa-
tion on the basics of childcare, safety,
and first aid. Participants must attend
BOTH sessions and will receive a cer-
tificate of attendance at the end of the
clinic. Friday, October 10, 3:00 p.m.
– 5:30 p.m. AND Saturday, October
11, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Sessions
limited to 25.

"Card Making Made Easy II" Just like
last time, you will see a demonstration
and then create your own beautiful
cards. \$2.00 charge for materials due at
program. Saturday, November 22, 2:00
p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Session limited to 20.

FAMILY SPECIALS Registration begins
Wednesday, September 3.

"Pajama Family Storytime"

Bring the children dressed in PJs (option-
al) for stories, fingerplays, music, proj-
ects, and fun. For families with children
of all ages, but especially geared to chil-
dren age 6 and younger. Thursday,
September 11; Monday, October 20;
Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.

"Puppets & Laughs with the Youth Services Staff"

We love puppets! If you do, too, join us
for our annual show featuring some of
our special puppet friends and YOU as
we act out "The Ant and the Elephant."
(Best for families with children ages 3 and
up.) Monday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

"Annual Family Christmas Program"

Banjo the "Christmas" Clown will en-
tertain us with magic, juggling and
Christmas cheer. Then visit with Santa
Claus himself. Refreshments, too. Bring
your camera. Sponsored by Chardon
Friends of the Library.
Sunday, December 14, 1:30 p.m.

"Family Christmas Storytimes"

*For Families with babies and two year
olds.* Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.
For Families with children ages 3 to 6
Monday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.,
Tuesday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.

Homeschool Programs

Grades K-6. Registration starts
Thursday, September 4.

"Perfect Pumpkin Party!"

Thursday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. –
11:00 a.m.

"Wacky Home Experiments"

Thursday, November 13, 10:00 a.m. –
11:00 a.m.

December Program: See School Age
Listings

Geauga West Youth Programs



Storytimes

Fall Storytimes will begin the week of September 8 and will continue through the week of October 26. Registration begins on August 27. The December Storytime session will run from December 1 through December 18. Registration for these programs will begin on November 19.

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.

Trailblazers

Grades K – 2.
Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Registration, which is required for all library programs, begins on the first day of the program's corresponding month, unless indicated.

Family Programs

"I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!"

Families are invited to come and celebrate the 105th anniversary of the ice cream cone! Games, crafts, and sweet treats will be enjoyed by all! Sunday, September 14, 2:00 p.m.

"A Family Halloween"

We'll have a spook-tacular time reading fall and Halloween stories and poems. We'll also decorate pumpkins! Sunday, October 19, 2:00 p.m.

"Make a Family Tree"

Make an artistic family tree!
Sunday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.

"Puppets with Pizzazz presents Department Store Santa"

Join Emmy-winning puppeteer Nancy Sander and be doubled over with laughter at the antics of her puppets as they prepare for Christmas.
Thursday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Grades K – 3

"Making Mobiles"

Make a hanging Japanese fish or whale mobile (or both, if you have time) and complete other activities, too! Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m.

"Hilarious Hats"

Join us to make your very own, personally designed hat to go along with our hat story and hat game!
Thursday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

"Teddy Bear Pajama Party"

Bring your teddy, wear your PJs, and we'll listen to teddy bear stories before we sip cocoa and head home to bed. Thursday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.

Teens Grades 6 – 12

"Wii Sports Tournament"

We'll have a sports competition with the Wii! Tuesday, September 23, 3:30 p.m.

"Cardmaking"

Using a variety of techniques, we'll make unique Fall cards to give family and friends! Tuesday, October 14, 3:30 p.m.

"Cookie Creations"

The holidays are almost here, and everybody needs cookies! Bring two dozen of your favorite cookies (don't forget the recipe) to share. The best cookie baker wins a prize! Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.

"Holiday Gifts"

Need a last minute gift? Create a handmade present to be treasured! Snacks and all materials provided.
Wednesday, December 17, 3:30 p.m.

Library Hours for Holiday and Training

All Geauga County Public Libraries will be closed
Monday, September 1 for Labor Day
and
Friday, September 5 for a Staff Training Day
Sunday hours resume on September 7

Technology On Wheels

Visit the Digitalbookmobile at Geauga West on Sunday, September 28, from 12-5 pm.

See demonstrations of downloading digital media (ebooks, audiobooks, videos and music), and examine a display of compatible gadgets in the Gadget Gallery. This event, sponsored by Overdrive Inc., is free and open to the public.

Newbury Youth Programs

Storytime

All ages through kindergarten. Stories, crafts and music.
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Week of September 14 – week of October 13.
No registration required.

Thompson Youth Programs

Storytimes

Preschool – 2nd grade.
September 15 – November 5,
Mondays 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
No registration necessary.

Grades K – 5

"Mad Scientist's Club"
September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11, 4:30 p.m.
No registration necessary.

Teens

"Book Discussion"
Last Tuesday of the month. Books to be announced. September 30, October 28, November 25, 4:30 p.m.

Family

"Thompson Tree Lighting Ceremony"
Join Santa in the Thompson Square as he lights the community Christmas tree. Followed by hot chocolate and cookies. Sunday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.

Middlefield Youth Programs

Storytimes

No registration required.

Babytime

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

Tales for Twos

Ages 2 – 3 years
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.,
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

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

Family Storytime

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

School Age

Registrations begins September 2.

Grades K – 5

“Paws for Reading”

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. Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Grades K - 3

“Creepy Creations”

Join us for some Halloween crafts and stories, too! Tuesday, October 14, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Teddy Bear Birthday”

Bring your teddy or cuddle pal for some stories and games!
Tuesday, November 6, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

“Stocking Stuffer Stories”

Enjoy Christmas stories and make a stocking to hang up on a Christmas tree! Tuesday, December 2, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grades 4 - 5

“Chill Out...It's Only Halloween”

Join us for some Halloween tales, treats, and tricks! Tuesday, October 21, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“Drumming Up Some Fun!”

Hear some real drums and celebrate national drum month!
Tuesday, November 18, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“The Cookie Caper”

We'll read stories and make cookies to get us in the holiday mood!
Tuesday, December 16, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Family

“Family Holiday Storytime”

Join us around the fireplace for holiday stories and songs!
Monday, December 22, 7:00 p.m.

Teen

“Halloween Horror!”

Get ready for Halloween by brushing up on your horror trivia, decorating your own Halloween mask, and... yes...eating candy! Thursday, October 30, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

“Batteries Not Included”

Have a blast with games and other activities that don't require batteries or electricity! Thursday, November 20, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

“Write Now!”

Hey Teens! Do you like to write poems or stories? Do you want to share what you've written and improve your skills? Come and be a part of a writers group just for teens – Write Now! Thursday, October 16 and November 13, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

“Writing Slam!”

Step into the spotlight and share your writings with others!
Thursday, December 4, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

“Teen Book Club”

Join us for a lively book discussion complete with snacks! Read the title of the month or share a book that you've read! Call for current title!
Thursday, October 23 and December 11, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Homeschool

“Wanted: Riders for the Pony Express!”

The Pony Express only lasted a year and a half, but it remains one of the most exciting periods in American history. Join us for stories, facts, and a Pony Express relay race! Wednesday, October 22, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

“Caves Rock!”

What's a stalagmite? Is there life in caves? Get answers to these questions and much more as we explore the fascinating world of caves!
Wednesday, November 12, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

“Show and Tell”

Do you have an object or collection that you'd like to share? Bring it in and show us what interests you! Who knows – you might get someone else hooked! Wednesday, December 10, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ben Franklin Programs

Registration begins September 2.
Call 632-1961 to register.

Adults

“The Writings of Ben Franklin”

Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration required.

“Benjamin Franklin: The Curiosity Factor presented by Andre Bernier”

Thursday, September 18, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration is required.

“Ben Franklin Brought to Life”

Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration is required.

Youth Services

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“Make music Ben Franklin style!”

Tuesday, September 9, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grades 4 – 5

“Ben Franklin's Exciting Electricity”

Tuesday, September 23, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Teen

“Passport to France”

Experience France without leaving Ohio!
Thursday, September 25, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Homeschool

“Jammin' with Ben Franklin”

Create your own musical instruments!
Wednesday, September 10, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Adult Programs

Bainbridge Call 543-5611 to register.
Registration begins September 15.

"Introduction to Entrepreneurship"

How to start your own business and keep it going. Presented by Business Advisers of Cleveland, a non-profit group of 100 successful retirees committed to helping small business entrepreneurs. Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.

"Friends Antiques Appraisal Night"

Coordinated by Trina Miller of Spaces Gallery and Liquidators of Bainbridge. At \$5.00 per person you can have up to 3 hand-held items appraised. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bainbridge Library. Beginning September 2, please call the Bainbridge Library at 440-543-5611 to schedule an appointment. Monday, October 6, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Collinwood School Fire" Details on the worst school fire in the history of America will be presented by Edward Kern, author of a book on this Cleveland tragedy. Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.

"Fires, Storms, Collision – Shipwrecks of Lake Erie"

The presenters will use slides, and videos to tell the story of Lake Erie's infamous disasters and lesser known shipwrecks. Sunday, November 9, 2:00 p.m.

Chardon Call 285-7601 to register.
Registration begins September 2.

"Cards for All Occasions"

Learn how to create handmade cards for all occasions, including cards for upcoming holidays! We'll make 2 each of 4 different cards, using a variety of techniques and embellishments. You'll take home 8 completed cards. All materials are included. Materials fee: \$5.00 Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"How to Raise a Money-Smart Child"

Learn how to start teaching your child or grandchild about financial goal-setting and self-discipline and the basics of making wise money choices. Presented by Jill Haueter, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. Session open to 75.

"Trim-a-Tree Contest and Silent Auction"

Chardon Friends of the Library sponsor this annual contest. Pick up a mini tree to decorate on or after October 13. Your decorated tree will grace the library's upstairs area until the December Tree Auction.

"American Music of the 1800's and Then Some!"

The multi-talented trio Elixir performs 1800's songs with traditional lyrics but with original arrangements. Every performance is full of laughs, sing-a-longs, toe-tapping, hand clapping and lots of historical information. Sunday, October 19, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Suitable for all ages. Session open to 75.

"Laughter Yoga"

Laughter Yoga combines simple, tension-releasing laughter exercises with yogic breathing techniques. It's a fun workout, and we promise we won't bend you into a pretzel! Wear comfortable clothing & socks. Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 25 adults.

"Dead Soldiers at Gettysburg"

Historical reenactor Harold George presents a program honoring veterans. Mr. George describes how the wounded were treated, how the dead were buried, including battlefield re-burials, and also Lincoln at Gettysburg. Appropriate for adults and for youth grades 5 and above. Wednesday, November 12, 7:00 p.m. Session open to 75.

"Holiday Strings"

The soothing sounds of the Village Music String Quartet will calm pre-holiday tensions when they perform in the library reading area. Enjoy the trimmed trees and check out the holiday movies during their performance. Thursday, December 11, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Geauga West Call 729-4250 to register.

"Terry Pluto"

Come hear Terry Pluto at the Geauga West Library. Terry Pluto is a sports columnist for the Plain Dealer. He has twice been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and twice been honored by the Associated Press Sports Editors as the nation's top sports columnist for medium-sized newspapers. He is the author of 23 books and will have his latest book for sale at this time. Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.

"Geauga County's Fifth Annual Knit Out and Crochet!"

It's Knit-Out and Crochet time around the country! Attractions include a show of handknit items and demonstrations of beginning and special knitting techniques. Saturday, October 4, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

"Welcome to eBay!" Come learn the basics of eBay. Watch a demonstration of bidding and posting an item for sale. Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.

"Look, Lunch and Listen – Fall 2008"

Bring your lunch and join us as we enjoy a different and entertaining program each week. Coffee will be provided. Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library. October 8, 15, 22, 29, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

"Make Fall and Winter Holiday Cards"

Make some cards – get ideas for more. For beginners or experienced rubber stampers. \$7 materials fee. Sunday, October 26, 1:00 p.m.

"Music for Browsing" Local musician Alan Tramosch will play his hammered dulcimer to provide a holiday atmosphere in the Bond Area of the library. Sunday, December 7, 2:00 p.m.

Middlefield Call 632-1961 to register.

Family/Adult

"Music in Middlefield"

Enjoy a relaxing evening as Ashley Greenfield, a young musician from our community, plays classical and popular piano music. Friday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration not required.

"Achieving Your Retirement Vision"

Worried about your financial future? Bev McClelland from Meryl Lynch will discuss planning for and managing your finances during retirement. Wednesday, October 8, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration begins September 2.

"Fall Film"

Join us for a fresh movie and delicious popcorn. Stop by the Middlefield Library to see what is playing. Friday, November 14, 6:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration not required.

Distinguished Speaker Series

C. J. Box Leaves Joe Pickett in the Rockies to Speak in Geauga County


Picture the natural wonders of the Rocky Mountains and Yellowstone National Park. Feel the searing heat of the unforgetting Western summer sun and the bitterness of the absolute winter cold. Add a strong, honest game warden committed to preserving the natural ecology of the region while enforcing the law. Hang on to your cowboy hat, and you have Joe Pickett, family man and main character created by C. J. Box. *Blood Trail* is the newest addition to the Joe Pickett series.

C. J. Box will preside at the 10th Annual Distinguished Speaker event on Saturday



evening, November 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Educational Center, 13000 Auburn Road in Munson. The Distinguished Speaker event is sponsored by the combined Friends groups of the Geauga County Public Library system and the Geauga County Library Foundation. This year the program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Box is a Wyoming native who has worked as a “ranch hand, surveyor, fishing guide, and small-town newspaper reporter and editor.” He has hunted, fished, and skied throughout Wyoming and the Mountain West. When asked in an interview why “readers from other areas are so fond of your novels?” he replied that “The tension between development and conservation, traditional versus new, ethics concerning the land and the philosophy of environment apply everywhere, not just the mountain west. In Wyoming, the conflicts sometimes have a harder edge, but the issues seem to resonate...and the west is sort of our collective land of myth and legend.”

Copies of Mr. Box’s books will be for sale, and he will sign books following the program. Bring some Wyoming into your Geauga autumn with a little western adventure on November 15. 

Bainbridge Library Open House

You are invited to see all the changes and to experience the new children’s area, teen spot, comfy chairs, ample shelving for music CDs, and much more. Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, awarded by the State Library of Ohio, the Bainbridge Library has indeed “Traded Spaces!” The Friends of the Bainbridge Library are sponsoring this event with the appearance of Banjo the Clown, who will shape balloons for all the children, and with refreshments.

Sunday, September 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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