

## Lines & Links

### A Friend is a friend to your favorite Library

Just inside the front doors of the Middlefield Library is a beautiful stained glass window, depicting two children reading under a tree in a quiet meadow. Behind this window is one of Middlefield's hidden treasures: the East Geauga Friends of the Library book shop. The shop features an ongoing book sale, where patrons can find deals on both new and old titles. Looking for a hot Danielle Steel, James Patterson, or Nora Roberts?

You'll probably find it here, among the "Newer Releases."

The Friends also acquired the coffee machine that sits beside the shop, allowing patrons to enjoy a nice cup of joe while browsing either the library collection or the shop's wares.



The Friends of the Mobile Libraries have actually erected a building on the grounds of the Great Geauga

County Fair where they hold annual sales during the Fair and occasionally at other times as well. The Chardon Friends of the Library combine their sales with events on the Square such as the Art in the Park in August and the Maple Festival in the Spring. The Bainbridge Friends sponsor a Book Fair of new books in

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### LearningExpress, 24/7 access

Want to know if you can become a citizen, pass the SATs or if you really remember anything from high school social studies? Then the Library has a database of practice tests for you, the LearningExpress Library.

LearningExpress Library offers students and adults unlimited, 24/7 access to targeted skill-building interactive courses in math, reading, and writing, as well as hundreds of online interactive practice tests that prepare one for several types of exams including grade school achievement tests, the SAT, GED, U.S. Citizenship and civil

service positions. Complete answer explanations accompany each response so that users understand why a particular answer is correct or incorrect.

All practice tests include instant diagnostic score reports that help users to target those skill areas that need the most attention. To help students master the SAT and recently added essay, instant score reports provide immediate feedback on how well they performed in each of five writing skill areas. Just go to [www.geauga.lib.oh.us](http://www.geauga.lib.oh.us), then to Information Databases and then to LearningExpress Library.

# A Friend is a friend .....

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in conjunction with the end of the Summer Reading Program.

There are seven friends groups in all, including the only friends group in Ohio to support a Bookmobile. The purpose of these groups is to support the library in



its activities financially, with volunteer time, and with their expertise. And they usually have a lot of fun in the doing. If you have won a prize during a Summer Reading Program, it was from a friends group, if you have bought a used book at a library, it was sold to you by the Friends, if you enjoyed refreshments at a program, it was served to you by the Friends or if you sit on a bench at Geauga West and enjoy the

new landscaping, it was provided for you by the Friends.

One program sponsored by the Combined Friends of the Library and the Geauga County Library Foundation is the Distinguished Speaker Series. For seven years now they have

provided authors from Ken Follett to this year's speaker, Mary Doria Russell, a local author with a national reputation. (See page 3 for details).

Another of the activities that you may have noticed includes the "Deck the Halls and the Walls" holiday fund raiser sponsored in the



Bainbridge, Chardon and Geauga West libraries. (See the advertisement on page 4 for more details).

It is impossible to list completely the many ways in which the Friends make things better for the libraries. But it is a fact that the

Friends are truly friends to the libraries and their patrons.

# E-books shift into overdrive

If you thought that e-books were great before, just wait until you hear about the Library's newest service! Now you can download a book, either in print or in audio, to your own computer, PDA or MP3 player. All you will need for print books is a computer or PDA that has Adobe Reader or MobiPocket Reader digital book software. To listen to books in audio format, a computer, PDA or MP3 player must have media software. All of the software needed is available from the company's web site at [www.overdrive.com](http://www.overdrive.com). Unfortunately, iPods are not compatible with the system and cannot be used to download.

Any book that is downloaded will stay on your device for a period of two weeks at which time it will be disabled. During that time you can read or listen to the material or you can burn a CD (or several) and read or listen at your own convenience.

In order to download, you will need to have a valid library card and have registered a PIN.

Currently you can access the service by going to the library's web site at [www.geauga.lib.oh.us](http://www.geauga.lib.oh.us) and clicking on "catalog." At the top, to the far right is a tab that says "New e-books & e-audiobooks." You can then browse and make your selection almost as though you are using a shopping cart. Each title selected will remain in the cart for half an hour. You may search by author, title or subject. New titles will be added constantly and they will be available for all ages. Eventually they will be integrated into the catalog and will appear as an additional format choice.

The service has some very convenient features. For the book version, you can bookmark places to which you might want to refer again, you

can select by chapters and you can even make notes in the margins. For the audio version, you can cause the narration to be played slower or faster as needed. Of course, once you burn either of these to a CD, those features are lost. You may check out an e-book while you are using one of the library's computers, but you must do the actual downloading at home.

This service is made possible by a consortium of sixteen libraries working in concert with the State library of Ohio to make this available. Each library will contribute titles and the patrons of any of these sixteen libraries may download any library's title. It is so simple to do that most folks will be able to accomplish it on their own. But if you need additional information, be sure to call and ask your local library for help.

# Knit-Out and Crochet time

Mid-September to mid-October is Knit-Out & Crochet time around the country!

**Geauga County's Second Annual Knit-Out and Crochet**  
Bainbridge Library  
October 1, 2005  
1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

Attractions will include vendor displays, knitting and crocheting instruction, a show and share table, and a chance to participate in preparing warm, handmade blankets for children in need. 7" x 9" handknit or crocheted squares will be accepted at any Geauga County Library through October 1. They will be assembled by volunteers and donated to the Linus Project.

Here are the Latest Lines and Links  
**Knitting and Crocheting BOOKS**

**Fun and funky crochet: 30 exciting projects for a stylish new look** by Sophie Britten.

**The yarn girls' guide to simple knits** by Julie Carles and Jordana Jacobs.

**Exquisite little knits: knitting with luxurious specialty yarns** by Iris Schreier and Laurie J. Kimmelstiel.

**Fabulous felted hand-knits: wonderful wearables and home accents** by Jane Davis.  
**200 Crochet blocks for blankets, throws, and afghans** by Jan Eaton.  
**Hip to crochet: 23 contemporary projects for today's crocheter** by Judith Swartz.

## Knitting in fiction

**The shop on Blossom Street and A good yarn** by Debbie Macomber.  
**Knit one, kill two** by Maggie Sefton.  
**Sadie Shapiro's knitting book** by Robert Kimmel Smith.

## Magazines:

*Easy Knitting* by Family Circle.  
*Knit 'n Style*.

## Knitting and Crocheting LINKS

About.com - Knitting  
<http://knitting.about.com>  
Crochet, Knit and More - Craft Yarn Council  
<http://craftyarnCouncil.com>  
The Knitting Guild Association  
<http://www.tkga.com/links.html>  
Maggie's Rags -  
[http://www.maggiesrags.com/tips\\_children.htm](http://www.maggiesrags.com/tips_children.htm)  
For help teaching children to knit

# An Afternoon of Civil Discourse on September 11

The Library is a place where those of differing opinions can come together to discuss controversial issues and there is no better day on which to do it than September 11. We will hold the first of a monthly series of discussions with Dr. Mike Whitely asking you to "Think Globally, Act Locally about Peace". Dr. Whitely, a professor at Kent State University in Educational Psychology, was in New York at Ground Zero as a fire fighter to help with the rescue efforts. He will demonstrate how you can initiate positive change within your



local community and beyond. The topics for subsequent discussion in the Civil Discourse series will be selected by those who attend. There will be a discussion leader and several invited guests who have expertise or a special interest in the topic. And then we will talk – civilly – and try to understand those who disagree with us, and perhaps reevaluate our own points of view.

Refreshments will be served. Please call Chardon Library to register. Sunday, September 11, 2:00p.m.

# Quarterlife Crisis ? ? ?

So, you got your high school diploma or your college degree, but you're still stuck in a job you hate. Maybe you're contemplating graduate school, changing careers completely, or moving to another state. You're having a hard time meeting your next significant other, or even anyone who has date potential. Or maybe you can't find a job, and you're not sure where you want to go next. Lately, you've just been asking yourself, "Why is real life so hard?!"

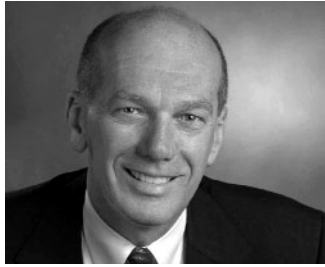
Chances are, you're probably having a Quarterlife Crisis. And you're not alone. People in their twenties are faced with new challenges every day as they make the transition into adulthood.

Catherine Stocker, co-author of the upcoming book *The Quarterlifer's Companion*, will present two programs to help address these issues and make the "twentysomethings" of Geauga County feel more comfortable about their changing lives. Cathy is a seasoned speaker who has worked in management and public relations. She is currently the Vice-President for Marketing and Development for **quarterlife-crisis.com**, and she conducts seminars and workshops nationwide.

The first program will take place at the Bainbridge Library at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 9. Come to meet Cathy and talk about your Quarterlife Crisis in a casual coffeehouse atmosphere. Then come to the workshop at the Geauga West Library on Saturday, September 10, from 11 am to 2 pm, where Cathy will teach you how you can deal with the trials you face in your career, love life, and life in general. Refreshments will be served. Call the Bainbridge Library, 543-5611, or the Geauga West Library, 729-4250, for more information.

# Free Speech Forum

Friday, October 21  
 Bass Lake Tavern Meeting Room  
 426 South St., Chardon  
 12:00 optional lunch for \$15.00  
 12:30 program free and open to the public



will discuss why New York Times reporter Judith Miller is in jail for not revealing her source for an article. As a result of this incarceration the Plain Dealer opted not to print two stories that they had been developing in order to protect its reporters from potentially

receiving the same penalty. Is the need to protect confidential sources necessary to the protection of Free Speech or does the right to protect the safety and security of the citizens supersede this protection? Come and hear what Doug Clifton has to say and then decide for yourself.

At the Free Speech Forum, Doug Clifton, editor of The Plain Dealer since 1999,

they had been developing in order to protect its reporters from potentially

Your local library will have registration forms available.

# Book Discussions

**Bainbridge** Mondays, 2:00 p.m.  
 September 12, *Winner* by David Baldacci  
 October 10, *Meant to Be* by Walter Anderson  
 November 14, *Fludd: A Novel* by Hilary Mantel  
 December 12, Group Members share favorite books

**Chardon** Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Books are available at the check out counter one month before discussion. Refreshments are served for the group's enjoyment. New members are always welcome.  
 September 21, *Fludd: A Novel* by Hilary Mantel  
 October 19 *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel  
 November 16 *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe

**Geauga West** First Wednesday of month, 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.  
 September 7, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night* by Mark Haddon  
 October 5, *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi

**Middlefield** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of lively, interesting discussion. New members are always welcome!  
 September, 8, *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel  
 October 13, *Running with Scissors: A Memoir* by Augusten Burroughs  
 November 10, *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi  
 December, 8, *A Cup of Tea* by Amy Ephron  
 January 12, *The Three Junes* by Julia Glass

**Newbury** Beginning in September, meets second Monday of every other month at 6:40 p.m.

# Deck the Halls and Walls

( See library or [www.geauga.lib.oh.us](http://www.geauga.lib.oh.us) for detailed information)

## Bainbridge

### Antique Quilt Raffle

The Friends of the Bainbridge Library will raffle off a pink and white antique quilt, circ. 1935. Ticket sales begin September. 6. Tickets will be available at the check-out desk and from Friends officers. Drawing will be held December 5.

## Chardon

- **Pick-up** tree begins : October 11
- **Return** decorated tree : November 11
- **Bidding** dates : November 11 - December 11

## Geauga West

- **Pick-up** tree begins : October 3
- **Return** decorated tree : November 9
- **Bidding** dates : November 9 - December 4



# Book Sales

**Bainbridge** - Sponsored by the Bainbridge Women's Club

Tuesday, Sept. 6 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Preview sale for Women's Club and Friends of the Bainbridge Library  
 6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Open to public  
 Wednesday, Sept. 7 9:00 a.m.– 8:45 p.m. Open to Public  
 Thursday, Sept. 8 9:00 a.m.– 8:45 p.m. Open to Public  
 Friday, Sept. 9 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Bag Day  
 Saturday, Sept. 10 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Bag Day  
 Sunday, Sept. 11 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Bag Day

**Chardon** "Cuddle Up For Winter"

Saturday, Nov. 5 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Friends Preview (The Member's Preview is for Chardon Friends members. It is possible to renew your membership at the door.)  
 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Open to Public  
 Sunday, Nov. 6 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. Open to Public

**Geauga West** - Sponsored by West Geauga Friends

Thursday Sept. 15 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Members Only  
 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Open to Public  
 Friday Sept. 16 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open to Public  
 Saturday Sept. 17 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bag Day  
 Sunday Sept. 18 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Double Bag Day  
 - 2 bags for \$3

## Middlefield

On-going Booksale sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Middlefield Library. When you're visiting the new Middlefield Library, please stop in our Friends Room and take a look at our on-going Booksale. Week days in the afternoons.

**Newbury** During Christmas break December 22 – January 2.

**Thompson** Saturday, October 1, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

# Bainbridge Youth Programs



Registration begins September 6.

## **Babytime**

Friday, October 7, 14, November 4, 11, December 2, 9.

Limited to 15 per session

**Ages 3 months - 12 months** with caregiver. 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Ages 13 months – 24 months**

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

## **Storytimes**

September 20 – October 27.

Thanksgiving Programs:

November 15, 16, 17.

Holiday Programs:

December 13, 14, 15.

## **Toddler Storytime**

Ages 2 – 3 yrs. and caregiver.

Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## **Preschool Storytime**

Ages 3 – 5yrs

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 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.

Session limited to 18.

## **School Age Programs**

All programs on Thursdays.

### **Grades K - 2**

#### **"Silly Song Sing Along"**

Join us for an hour of favorite silly songs, from "Found a Peanut" to "On Top of Spaghetti". Maybe you'll learn some new ones too.

October 13, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### **"The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss"**

Learn about recycling through an interactive reading of *The Lorax*. You'll make a pot from recycled paper so you, too, can plant a seed. Geauga/Trumbull Waste Management staff will present this program. Session limited to 30. November 17, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### **"Teddy Bears' Picnic"**

If you go down in the woods today, you'd better bring your favorite teddy or other stuffed animal for an hour of bear crafts, snacks, and other activities.

December 15, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Grades 3 – 5**

#### **"The Joy of Toys!**

##### **The Chemistry Behind the Fun"**

Take a peek in your toy box and you'll find chemistry at work and play! From design and manufacturing to the material they're made of, toys need chemistry. Join us for an hour of hands on experiments to celebrate National Chemistry Week. Lois Kuhns and Jesse Bernstein are science teachers. Session limited to 30. October 20, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

#### **"Pancake Pigout"**

We are celebrating pancakes by eating them, playing games with them, and doing art projects pertaining to them. An afternoon you won't forget!

November 10, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### **"Scat, Track and Other Mammal Facts"**

What mammals are lurking in your back yard? Many leave tell-tale signs of their presence. Discover the diversity of mammals that call Geauga County their home. A Geauga Park District Naturalist will present this program. December 8, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Young Adults**

Grades 5 and up. Thursdays.

#### **"Get Real! @ Your Library"**

Read for the fun of it – non-fiction rocks! Enter our Teen Read Week Contest. October 16 – 22.

#### **"Chess & Crackers"**

Come play a game or two of chess with your friends. Snacks provided.

September 29, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

#### **"Dance, Dance Revolution"**

Whether you're a Newbie, a Perfect, a Great, a Marvelous, or a No Good, register to enjoy some time sliding, spinning and turning. Snacks provided. October 6, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

#### **"Rock 'n Roll Over Dead" Mystery**

Did music librarian Melinda Carey meet a sinister fate?

November 3, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

#### **"Holiday Hemp"**

Make a gift – necklace, bracelet or anklet – for someone special. Session limited to 25. Thursday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.- 5:15 p.m.

### **Family**

Registration begins September 6.

#### **"Drop-In Family Storytime"**

Listen to stories old and new before settling down for the evening. PJs are optional! Thursday, October 6, November 3, December 1, 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### **"The Big Boo-oo-oo Revue"**

The Youth Services staff will share and tell some ghostly stories and songs to set the stage for Halloween.

Thursday, October 27, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

#### **"Heart Saver First Aid" Grade 3 – Adult**

Bainbridge Township Fire Department.

Assistant Chief Burge and certified

Heart Saver instructors will provide instruction on basic first aid skills.

Direct questions to Mr. Burge at 440-543-9873. Session limited to 35.

Participants may bring a snack. Free Saturday, November 5, 9:30 – 1:30 p.m.

#### **"Starting Smart: Money Management for Teens and Young Adults"**

Parents and college-bound teens can develop a "game plan" for basic money management. Connie Stone of Stepping Stone Financial in Chagrin Falls will present.

Saturday, December 3, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

### **Homeschool**

Families with children grades K– 8

Registration begins September 6.

#### **"Visit A Fire Station!"**

In honor of National Fire Safety Month, come to the library for a brief discussion of fire safety. Then we'll caravan to the Bainbridge Township Fire Department for a tour. A Bainbridge firefighter will be conducting the tour.

Friday, October 7, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



# Chardon Youth Programs

## *Storytimes*

Sessions week of September 19 – November 4. Registration begins September 7.

### **Babytime**

Under 24 months with caregiver. Registration begins September 7. Wednesdays 10:00 a.m., Fridays 11:00 a.m.

### **Time for Twos**

24 months – 36 months with caregiver. Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m., Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

### **Preschool Storytime – What's Cooking?**

Ages 3 – Kindergarten. Mondays, 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

## **School Age K – 5th**

Registration begins September 8. Programs limited to 50 except where stated.

### **"It's a Bug's Life!"**

Discover what it's like to be a bug. Examine bugs and enjoy buggy snacks, games, songs, jokes, stories and big bug dramatizations. Make a bug craft. Thursday, September 29, Friday, September 30, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **"Bats are Beautiful"**

Step into a bat cave and learn how most bats are not scary vampire-like creatures, but are helpful to the environment. Bat snacks and stories and favorite bat games. Thursday, October 20, Friday, October 21, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **"Chronicles of Narnia Adventures"**

Follow Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy through a wondrous wardrobe into the snowy enchanted world of Narnia. Thursday, November 17, Friday, November 18, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **"Help the Gingerbread Boy!"**

Help the frenzied Gingerbread Boy escape his pursuers. Follow him into the gingerbread house in the woods for fun, snacks and craftmaking. Thursday, December 15, Friday, December 16, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## *.Family*

Families with children of all ages. Registration begins September 7.

### **"PJ Family Storytime"**

Join us for family storytime. Bring the children dressed in PJs (optional) for stories, songs, fingerplays, projects, and fun. Limited to 25 families. Monday, September 12, Monday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

**"Alpacas-up Close & Personal" (IF it doesn't rain)** Come and greet live alpacas on the lawn of the library. Learn about these gentle animals and their luxurious fiber. If it rains, program about alpacas will be in the Bostwick Room. Kim Martorana is owner of GEM Alpacas, Suri Farm of Auburn. They have 13 alpacas and have appeared at various businesses in Geauga County. No registration is necessary. Saturday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. – noon.

### **"Holiday Family Storytime"**

Celebrate the holidays with your family at storytime. A fun time of sharing stories, songs, and special craft. Thanksgiving Storytime, Monday, November 21 7:00 p.m. (PJs optional) Christmas Storytime, Monday December 12, 7:00 p.m. (PJs optional) Tuesday, December 13, 10:30 a.m.

### **"The Magic of Reading"**

We kick off Children's Book Week with Mr. Paul the Magician. Magic, Music, puppetry, and audience participation help to bring the message that reading is magical. (Suggested ages: 4 and up) Paul Gerber has performed professionally in the Cleveland/Akron area at schools, daycares, and community events. He is a house magician for the Max & Erma's Restaurant chain since 1996. Session limited to 125. Sunday, November 13, 2:00 p.m.

### **"Hip, Hip, Hooray! It's Christmas Time"**

The Story Peddlers are coming to town with holiday fun for you. Puppets, stories, songs and more plus a visit from Santa, too! Refreshments! Sponsored by Chardon Friends of the Library. The Story Peddlers, Cheryl and Lisa, are members of Western Reserve Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling (WRAPPS). They appeared at Chardon Library in 2003 to the delight of many. Sunday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.

## **"Looking for Something?"**

Learn how to use the library catalog more effectively, including advanced search techniques, limiting, and sorting. Also, see how to put AR titles on hold from home. Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Session limited to 6 families. Registration begins September 8.

**Young Adults** Grade 6 and up  
Registration begins September 8.

### **"Babysitting Clinic"**

Back by popular demand, our babysitting clinics provide information on the basics of safety, first aid, and child care. This clinic is taught by an instructor certified in first aid and CPR. Participants must attend both sessions and will be awarded a certificate at the end of the clinic. Session limited to 25 Friday, September 9, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. – NOON.

### **"Teen Read Week"**

Join us as we celebrate Teen Read Week's "Get Real @ Your Library". Read one of the books nominated for the 2005 "Teen's Top Ten" and you could win a prize. No registration required. Week of October 16 – October 22.

### **"Rock Your Body"**

Do you want to learn simple exercises geared toward teens? These exercises, illustrated in "Seventeen Magazine", help tone your legs, thighs, arms, and abs. Bring a towel or exercise mat and dress to exercise. Session limited to 25. Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **"Teen Volunteer Group"**

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Join us the second Monday of the month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12,

### **Grades 9 and up**

Session limited to 10.  
Registration begins September 8.

### **"Homecoming Makeover"**

Are you ready for Homecoming? Join Mary Kay consultant Cari Baker for make-up tips and free Mary Kay samples. Saturday, October 8, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### **Homeschool K - 6th**

Registration begins September 8.  
Contact the library for information.

# Geauga West Youth Programs



## Storytimes

Programs begin the week of September 19 and continue through the week of October 31. Registration begins on September 7.

## Babytime

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

## Toddler Storytime

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

## Preschool Storytime

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

## Special K

Kindergarteners, Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.

## Trailblazers

Grades 1-2  
Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

## Holiday Storytimes for Toddlers & Preschoolers

Tuesday, December 6,  
2:00 p.m. OR 7:00 p.m. Registration  
begins on November 28.

## School Age Programs

Registration begins on the first day of the corresponding month, unless otherwise indicated.

### Grades K - 3

## "Library Tour and Scavenger Hunt"

In honor of National Library Card Sign-up Month, join us for a complete library tour and then try the "Get to Know Your Library" Scavenger hunt. Thursday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.

## "Harvest Festival"

No school? Come to the library anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to participate in games, crafts and other harvest fun! Friday, October 14, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## "Play with Your Food!"

Come and play with your food by using ordinary food to make extraordinary snacks! Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.

## "December Doings"

We're gearing up for the holidays with funny stories, poems, and songs. We will also make a cool edible craft that you can keep or give as a gift! Thursday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

### Grades 4 - 6

## "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler Parent/Child Discussion"

Parents and children may discover a new favorite or re-read an old! Pick up this Newbery winning book by E.L. Konigsburg at the library in advance, and come ready to discuss the book. Snacks will be provided. Thursday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

## "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Book Discussion"

Hey kids, read this book before the new movie is released! Pick up and read your book in advance, and then come to the library for snacks and a book discussion. Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

## Family Programs

Registration begins on the first day of the corresponding month, unless otherwise indicated.

## "Grandparents' Day with Raggedy Ann and Andy"

Celebrate Grandparents' Day with Raggedy Ann and Andy! This program for grandparents and grandchildren will celebrate Raggedy Ann's birthday with food, stories, and a keepsake craft. Sunday, September 11, 2:00 p.m.

## "Foliage Fun"

We're celebrating autumn by playing leaf games, creating a festive fall sun-catcher, and then topping it all off with a seasonal snack. You won't want to miss this! Sunday, October 2, 2:00 p.m. Registration begins September 19.

## "Children's Book Week Puppet Show"

Join us for a special puppet show to be presented by our own children's librarians! Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.

## "Family Book Fun"

We'll share a story or two, then make our own books, as we mark the end of Children's Book Week. Sunday, November 20, 2:00 p.m.

## "Family New Year's Eve Party"

Celebrate the New Year with your family this morning, and still have the evening for yourself. There will be fun for everyone as we toast to 2006—just a little bit early! Saturday, December 31, 11:00 a.m.

## Young Adults

### Grades 6 - 12

Registration begins on the first day of the corresponding month, unless otherwise indicated.

## Teen Book Discussions

Be sure to pick up and read your book in advance! Snacks will be provided. Check with your English teacher about extra credit!

Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.

*The Greatest Generation*

Monday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

*My Sister's Keeper*

Monday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.

*Under the Banner of Heaven*

Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

*The Lovely Bones*

## Kaplan's College 101 Series

Parents and High-Schoolers should register to join a representative from Kaplan Test-Prep and Admissions to learn helpful information to aid in the college admissions process. Registration for all Kaplan programs begins on August 15.

## "High School 101"

Learn the ins and outs of what college admissions officers are looking for and how to make the most out of high school. Monday, August 29, 7:00 p.m.

## "SAT Test Secrets 101"

Discover the keys to success on the SAT: test format, strategies, and practice questions. Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.

## "ACT Test Secrets 101"

Discover the keys to success on the ACT: test format, strategies, and practice questions. Monday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.

## "Personal Statement 101"

Learn what admissions officers want to see in the essay and how to start the writing process. Monday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.

## "Financial Aid 101"

Find out the basics of applying for financial aid: the forms, the types of aid available, and the timeline for applying. Monday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

## "Teen Scrapbooking"

Bring your vacation photos (or any others) to the library and start—or continue—your scrapbook. Tuesday, September 27, 3:30 p.m.

## "Harvest Party"

Come play games, eat, and help decorate the library for autumn! Monday, October 10, 3:30 p.m.

## "Wearable Art"

Come and turn your sweatshirt or t-shirt into a piece of wearable art for yourself or a friend! Saturday, November 26, 1:00 p.m.

# Thompson Youth Programs

## Story Hour -Kindergarten – 5th grade

Mondays, September 19 -November 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Preschool Registration not required.  
September 19 – November 9, Monday,  
7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

## Family Programs

## "Pet Pictures with Santa"

Have your "whole" family's picture taken with Santa, or just your special animal friends. Sunday, December 4, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. No limitation.

## "Kris Kringle Holiday Bazaar"

Hand crafted and other items for sale just in time for the holidays. Sunday - Wednesday, November 20 – November 23, Sunday, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

# Middlefield Youth Programs



## Storytimes

Registration begins September 5.

### Babytime

Ages 6-24 months, accompanied by an adult. Babytime, a twenty minute program designed with your baby in mind. Fridays, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16.  
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.  
Sessions limited to 10.

### Tales For Two's "At the Circus!"

Ages 2-3 years accompanied by an adult. September 13 – October 19.  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### Preschool Storytime "At the Circus!"

Ages 3 – 5 years  
September 12 – October 19  
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.– 7:45 p.m.  
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.– 11:15 a.m. OR  
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
OR 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

### Holiday Storytimes

These special storytimes are for families with children ages 6 and younger. Experience the sights, sounds, and scents of two of our most popular holidays.

### "Turkey Tales"

Monday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.,  
Tuesday, November 22, 9:30 a.m. OR  
10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November  
23, 9:30 a.m. OR 10:30 a.m.

### "Santa Stories"

Monday, December 19, 7:00 p.m.,  
Tuesday, December 20, 9:30 a.m. OR  
10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 21,  
9:30 a.m. OR 10:30 a.m.

### Grades K-2

Registration required. Begins  
September 5

### "Betcha Can't"

Amaze your friends and family with these simple ways to do things no one else can (unless they know the secrets you'll learn at this fun-filled program)!  
Thursday September 29.  
4:00 – 5:00 pm

### "Who Stole the Cookies From the Cookie Jar?"

Examine fingerprints, check for clues,

try to find the culprit and have loads of fun with many fingerprint activities!  
Thursday October 20  
4:00 – 5:00 pm

### "Wild About Turkeys"

Come to this fun-filled program with turkey stories, games, crafts and treats, so you can be wild about turkeys, too!  
Thursday November 10  
4:00 – 5:00 pm

### Grades 3-5

Registration required. Begins  
September 5

### "Bear Facts"

The black bear is back from near extinction. Learn the "bear facts" and some myths, too. A naturalist from the Geauga County Park System will present this special program.  
Thursday September 22  
4:00 – 5:00 pm

### "Beads, Baubles, & Bangles"

Join the beading craze and create your own bracelet. Learn about design, patterning, and putting colors together.  
Wednesday October 26  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

### "Bodacious Bubble Gum"

Get tips for blowing award-winning bubbles as well as learn the zany history of the discovery and development of the bubble-gum industry.  
Wednesday November 16  
4:00 – 5:00 pm

### Young Adult Programming

Grades 6-12 Registration begins  
September 5

### YAAC – Young Adult Advisory Council

Join YAAC and help plan Young Adult Programs and assist with school age programs, too. Drop in after school and enjoy snacks, activities, and fun with friends. Wednesdays September 7, October 12, November 2, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### YA Trivia Contest

Test your wealth of knowledge by completing our monthly trivia quiz. You could win a prize. The winner is selected at random from all entries that are totally correct. Located in the Young Adult Area. September – December

## Homeschoolers

Kindergarten - 12

Registration begins September 5

### "Bats are Fantastic in Fact!"

Come and check out big, little, bizarre and beautiful bats of every imaginable description and find out just how helpful these amazing creatures are. A naturalist from the Geauga County Park System will present this special program. Tuesday September 13, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### "Amazing Alpacas"

Come and enjoy a true "hands on" experience with two live alpacas and their owner and learn some amazing facts about these special animals. Kim Martorana and her family operate the Alpaca Suri Farm in Auburn Township and enjoy sharing their knowledge of these gentle, lovable animals. Tuesday October 11, 1:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm

### "Smart Shopper" – Field Trip

Check out our local Giant Eagle store with a guided tour of all the different departments and some samples of the goods! Tuesday November 15, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 pm

# Newbury Youth Programs



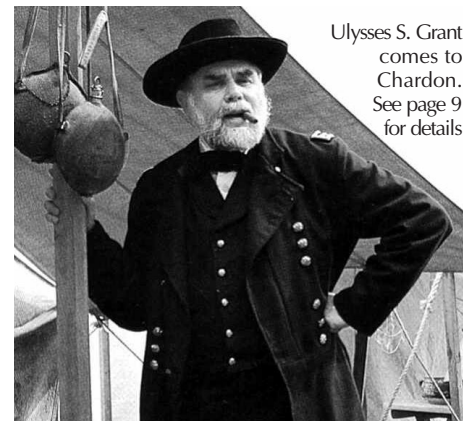
## Storytimes 1 - 5 yrs.

Week of September 12 – week of  
October 10.

Preschoolers of any age are welcome  
at the following sessions.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.,

Thursday, 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.



Ulysses S. Grant  
comes to  
Chardon.  
See page 9  
for details

# Adult Programs

## Bainbridge

### "Writer's Group – Bainbridge"

Our writer's group provides an opportunity to improve your writing skills and share your original works with others. Friday, September 9, 23, October 14, 28, November 11, December 2, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### "Bookclubbing 101"

Are you interested in starting a book club? This program will introduce you to the various resources available to make your book club successful. Thursday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. Registration begins September 6

### "Photography Clinic"

Participants should bring 5-10 photos representative of their best as well as their "less than best" efforts. Presenter Heidi Zaller is a graduate of the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and has been teaching photography classes for 15 years. Thursday, September 29, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Session limited to 15. Registration begins September 6.

### "Bainbridge Antique Road Show"

Discover if you have a treasure hiding in your home. Limit 2 items per person. Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration begins October 1.

### "Craft Show and Tell"

Bring your craft projects to the library and exchange ideas with other crafters. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bainbridge Library. Saturday, October 22, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration begins September 6.

### "Databases 101"

Explore databases found on GCPL's web page. November 2, 3 at various times. Registration begins October 25.

### "Holiday Craft"

Create a holiday memory in this make it and take it session. Craft fee payable at time of registration. Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Session limited to 15. Registration begins October 24.

## Chardon

Please call to register

### "Songs of Proud Americans"

In this two-part series on historical songs, David Peltier provides background narrative while Sarah Peltier introduces and accompanies the songs that expressed our nation's wartime thoughts and feelings. Audience participation is encouraged. Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.

– American Revolution to the Civil War Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. – Civil War to the present Call 285-7601 to register.

### "Knitting and Crocheting Group to be formed"

Come at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, Sept. 24, and enjoy the special program on "Alpacas-Up Close and Personal." Afterwards, at 10:30, join with others in starting a knitting and crocheting group for the experienced and beginners alike that can meet and share at the library. No registration required.

### "Our Amish Neighbors"

This is an insider's view of life on an Amish farm. Dr. Randall James will do a book signing of his book *Why Cows learn Dutch* after his program. The book is beautifully illustrated by local artist Crist C. Miller. Presenter Randall E. James, PhD. is the Geauga County Extension Agent for Natural Resource and Agriculture for Ohio State University Extension. Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. Program limited to 75.

### "The New Retirement"

Dr. Tina Butler, Director of the Columbus based "Over 60 Learning" will take participants through the types of transitions that come with aging. Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. Also at Middlefield Library at 2:00 p.m.

### "Reminiscing on the Porch with Ulysses S. Grant"

Step back in time to 1885. Ulysses S. Grant will be portrayed by George Dauler in appropriate period clothing as he sits on his front porch and reminisces about his life, adventures and experiences as a Civil War general and as President of the United States. Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.

### Adults and Teens age 15 and Up

Registration begins September 6.

### "Creating Web Pages"

Learn the basic tools and options you have in creating your own Web site. Session limited to 6. Thursday, October 27 OR Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

### "A Book Just For Me!"

Create a personalized concept book (ABCs, Colors, and Shapes) suitable to give as a gift for the preschooler in your life. There is a \$5.00 materials fee due at time of registration. Bring copies of photos of the child for whom you are making the book. Session limited to 25. Saturday, November 12, 10:00 am. – NOON.

### "The Sounds of Christmas"

The Village Music Shop String Ensemble will play a selection of your favorite holiday songs. Thursday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. Drop in and enjoy. No registration required.

## Geauga West

### "Look, Munch and Listen"

Program presented each week sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library. Bring your lunch and join us. Coffee will be provided.  
October 5: "*Why Cows Learn Dutch & Other Secrets of the Amish Farm*", Dr. Randall James  
October 12: "*Irish Visions & Views: A Tour of the Emerald Isle*"  
October 19: "*Jacqueline Kennedy-Onassis: A One Woman Show*"  
October 26: "*History of Chester Township*", Sylvia Wiggins  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### "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. Second and fourth Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### "Job Search Cover Letters"

Unveil the mysteries of the most important component in a job search. A "hands-on" opportunity to invent it, improve it, fix it, or tweak it. Call 729-4250 to register. Thursday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.

### "Basic Powerpoint"

Learn to do basic Microsoft Powerpoint presentations. Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 PM

### "Crop 'til you Drop"

Back by popular demand, we will use the library space and equipment after hours to help us get a good chunk of scrapbooking done. Bring your current projects and we'll "Crop 'Til We Drop!" Saturday, September 24, 5:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

### "Mary Faktor's The Six Ages of Woman"

Pull up a chair and eavesdrop on Vicki's phone conversations with her best friend Madge as they discuss life from puberty to retirement. A warm and witty one-woman show with universal appeal! Appropriate for ages 13 and up. Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.

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# Adult Programs

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## "The Game in Reverse: Women's Lives and the Poetry of Witness"

Award-winning poet Carolyne Wright will reflect on how the women of the cultures of South Asia and Latin America reveal their lives in their poetry. Call 729-4250 to register. Thursday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

## "Diversification and Managing Your Retirement Plans"

Chesterland Investment Representative, Robert A. Studniarz, focuses his talk on individuals in the second half of their careers to help them better understand and manage retirement plans. Call 729-4250 to register. Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

## "Electronic Homework Help for Parents"

Learn to use the electronic databases and other online educational sites available through the library. Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 PM

## "Basic Excel"

Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel. Thursday, October 20, 7:00 PM

## "Make a Beaded Necklace"

Experienced beaders Maureen Stern and Kathy Peterson will guide the class through the steps to create a beautiful finished necklace of sterling silver and semi-precious gemstones. A supply fee will be collected at time of registration. Register at Geauga West Library by Friday, October 21, Class limited to 20. Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

## "Basic Microsoft Word and the Web"

Learn to insert text, graphics and links from the Internet into your Word documents. Wednesday, November 9, 10:00 AM

## "Quilted Christmas Tree Skirt"

Complete (or nearly so) a lovely patchwork Christmas tree skirt. Call the library at 729-4250 and pick up details and a supply list. Saturday, November 12, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **Middlefield Library**

Registration begins September 5.

## "Writer's Group"

If you're interested in improving your writing skills, working toward publication, having your writing critiqued or clarifying your writing voice. New members are always welcome! Tuesdays, September 6, 20, October 4, 18, November 8, 22, December 6, 20, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## "Knitting -n- Crocheting Club"

Join us as we share projects and camaraderie. We'll meet the 2nd Saturday of each month. If you have a project - bring it along. If you're just learning, we'll help teach you. Joan Kirk will be the leader. Saturdays, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## "Welcome to eBay!"

This program will show us how to search the eBay website and set up your own account for an opportunity to practice bidding. See a demonstration on how to post an item to sell. Registration begins September 5. Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

## "Antiques Roadshow 'Gauga Style' "

Here's the chance you've been waiting for! Bring in your heirlooms, collectibles or "finds". Ron Wright from Spring Street Antiques will look them over and make comments. **2 items per person limit.** This is a free drop-in program. No registration needed. Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. - NOON.

## "Tai Chi: Meditation in Movement" Adult 18 and over.

This three-week class will introduce us to the Dance of the Five Elements. Participants can experience improved balance, increase energy and reduce stress. Registration is required, sure to fill up fast. Session limited to 15. Tuesdays, October 11, 18 and 25, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## "The New Retirement"

Dr. Tina Butler, Director of the Columbus based "Over 60 Learning" will take participants through the types of transitions that come with aging. Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m. Also at Chardon Library at 7:00 p.m.

## "How to Select a Digital Camera. . ."

The holidays will be here soon. We'll discuss what to look for and questions to ask before you purchase a digital camera. Hand-outs will be available. Wednesday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

## "The Sounds of Christmas"

The Village Music Shop String Ensemble will play a selection of your favorite holiday songs. Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m. Drop in and enjoy.

## **Internet Classes**

Introductory and Intermediate level classes will be offered at each library. Call your local library for dates and times. Unique classes are listed among the Adult Programs.

## **Genealogy Programs**

All classes are taught by Sandy Malitz, Staff Genealogist except as noted. For more information about a class, contact Sandy Malitz at [raccoon@oplin.org](mailto:raccoon@oplin.org) or at the Chardon Library.

### **Adult or High School**

Registration begins immediately for all classes.

## "Brickwall Strategies"

Topics include overlooked resources (including online), timelines, research and organization tips and more. Register by calling the Middlefield Library 440-632-1961. Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

## "Tips & Tricks For Getting the Most Out of AncestryPlus and Heritage Quest"

Gauga West Library. Register by calling 440-729-4250. Thursday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

## "Genealogy Boot Camp - Part 1"

Basics of getting started with your family history. This class has a small Internet component. Students need to be comfortable searching the Internet. Bring information about your family. Register by calling 440-729-4250. Limit 12 people. Monday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Gauga West Library.

## "Genealogy Boot Camp - Part 2"

Topics include vital records, cemetery & funeral home records, census records as well as Internet sources. If you are familiar with pedigree charts, family group sheets, and source citation and are comfortable searching the Internet, you do not need to have taken Part One. If you are not comfortable using a computer, make arrangements for a friend to take the class with you. Bring a brown bag lunch and information about your family. Register by calling the Chardon Library. Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Limit 15 people.

## "Help for the Beginning Genealogist"

If you've got some names and dates but don't know where to go from there, come get help from experienced researchers on the Gauga West Library Staff and our online genealogy databases. Bring at least a partially completed pedigree chart - you'll need some names and places to get started. Class size limited, call 440-729-4250 to register. Monday, November 14, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

# Director's Notes

Friends! I am the envy of many Library Directors in Ohio because of our vigorous and plentiful Friends of the Library groups. Many libraries our size, with branches like ours, have one Friends group for the entire library system. We are blessed with seven!

I am sure that all of our residents are aware of the generosity of Friends in their fund-raising and donations to the library. Fewer may realize the significant financial assistance provided by the volunteer activities of the Friends. They assist us in so many significant ways – including working in the library! Most of you probably don't think much about the third great benefit provided to our library by our Friends groups – advocacy.

Friends of the Library assist us with elections, lobbying and sharing information about the library. I have traveled to Columbus on many occasions with Friends of the Library from throughout Geauga County, visiting our State Representative and State Senator and sharing with them how important our library is to the members of our community. Friends don't get paychecks or glory, but they do get the satisfaction of knowing that they can provide true advocacy as users of the library and community members.

As we have experienced greater and greater funding difficulties, our Friends have been a powerful voice advocating for the best possible library service. Their word of mouth advocacy in the county provides help to the library that it would be impossible to buy.



My dictionary defines a friend as "a person whom one knows, likes and trusts." Our Friends groups sure fit the definition!

Happy reading, listening and viewing!

# Meet Leslie Haines

Ms. Haines comes to Geauga County Public Library with a wealth of experience and business acumen to become the Treasurer of the Library System. She replaces Helen Wilson who had been in the position for three decades. "I am fortunate to be assuming the position from a seasoned professional who administered the finances of the library for 35 years. I bring almost a decade of government accounting experience and favorable audits with me. I look forward to managing the finances of such a wonderful library system and working with the Library Board and Director to continue directing the library in its course of excellence."



Ms. Haines was formerly the Clerk-Treasurer of Milan Township and later served for eight years as the Treasurer of the Bellevue Library System. In addition to her public accounting experience, Ms. Haines also owned her own photography studio. Although she enjoyed the change of pace, when the Geauga County position became available, she decided that it was time to get back into government finance. She is a member of the Ohio Government Finance Officers Association, the Ohio Library Council and has served two

terms as president of the Ohio Library Clerk-Treasurers Association.

"My first major undertaking will be to convert our cash basis financial presentation to resemble a GAAP presentation, in order to comply with a recent interpretation by The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). I will determine the best course to comply with the new standards, attend training events, and implement the necessary changes" said Ms. Haines.

This is being required of the entire government finance world and will be retroactive to 2004. It will be a major undertaking.

Having been born and raised in Huron, OH, Ms. Haines is a lover of boating and water

sports. Obviously photography is one of her hobbies as is gardening. Ms. Haines came to Chardon from Milan where she lived and operated her photography studio. She is very taken with the Chardon area describing it as having "a small town feel with larger town amenities." She does enjoy reading, but says that much of it is in professional journals unfortunately leaving little opportunity for fiction. Ms. Haines commented on

her welcome to the community by saying, "The people here are as nice as can be. I have had the warmest welcome anywhere."

Mrs. Deborah O'Connor, Director of the Geauga County Public Library, said of Ms. Haines, "Ms. Haines brings great knowledge and experience to the library. It's a real pleasure working with such a committed professional."

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# Distinguished Speaker Series



Mary Doria Russell is probably the only person you will come across who has had an asteroid named for a location in her first novel. But this is not the only way in which fact and fiction have converged for Dr. Russell. Her latest novel, *A Thread of Grace*, a work of historical fiction, is based on five years of meticulous research. It rose straight to the top of the New York Times Best Seller List. Dr. Russell has a sharp wit and is known nationally as a very entertaining speaker.

Dr. Russell will discuss this latest book as well as her first two award winning efforts.



Dr. Mary Doria Russell

The Seventh Annual  
**Distinguished Speaker  
Series event**

**Saturday, October 8**

Program at 7:30 p.m.

Doors will open at 6:30.

Notre Dame Educational Center  
13000 Auburn Road in Munson  
Refreshments will be served

Tickets for the event will be \$5.00 and can be purchased at any library in the Geauga County Public Library System except the Bookmobile.

Dr. Russell will have copies of her book available for sale and will sign books following the program.



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