



Lines & Links

“Heard” Any Good Books Lately?

This July the library will offer a program that will allow you to download spoken books to your personal computer or MP3 player. The books can also be saved to a CD to listen to in the car.

Once downloaded, you will have the use of them for the regular loan period of three weeks at which time, if you have not renewed them, they will disappear from your electronic device. They

will be treated exactly as a book is treated except you will be electronically unable to keep it overdue. If you have copied it to another format, it will be disabled in that format as well.

It will make a host of books available to you in a listening format that will not require a lot of handling by staff or

valuable shelf space. This program is being offered through a state wide cooperative purchase coordinated by the State Library of Ohio. In Geauga's mobile society many of our patrons prefer to listen to their books while driving.

Watch our web page for updated information.

www.geauga.lib.oh.us



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Middlefield Library a “Hot Spot”

It's not just because Middlefield patrons have increased their borrowing by almost 50%, not because there has been a 95% increase in library card sign ups for a one month period, and not because the meeting room is always busy that the library is a "hot spot." All of these things are true, but it has earned the "hot spot" designation because it now has the capability to offer Internet access in a wireless environment.

Middlefield Library was chosen as the library system's first "hot spot" because funds were allocated during the construction process to make this a reality.

This means that anyone with a computer with wireless networking capability can come into the library and access the Internet.

It means that anyone with that capability can search the library's database of materials as they are standing in an aisle. He can see visually if something is on the shelf and if it is not, he can utilize the MORE service to order it from another library. Or he can just sit and enjoy the library environment, surf the Web using our high speed wireless connection, and send an e-mail or IM a friend on his own computer.

Setting up this service has taken some time to accomplish in that it had to work seamlessly with the security programs that protect the library's computers from viruses and other dangerously invasive programs.

Watch for your library to become a "hot spot" as funds become available.

“Any Sufficiently Advanced Technology is Indistinguishable from Magic ” Arthur C. Clark



This is an article about geeks. In a program where the computers were not working properly, when a technician from the computer services department hurried in to rectify the situation, one of the senior citizens pointed at him and said, "Look. It's the geek!" John Springer, the department's manager, is unabashedly a geek. "It's an honest name. It is what I am. It's a kind of requirement. You have to enjoy technology. But we are not enamored of technology for technology's sake. It's our philosophy to buy technology for what the end result will be, to what service it will provide for the patron."



This is how they're usually seen

by maintaining the hardware and software used in the libraries. This department investigates, purchases, sets up, trouble shoots, and repairs every piece of computer and network equipment belonging to the library system. In addition to the database, each public computer also has Word, Excel, and Power Point available. This

side is June Gahr's bailiwick.

The library's geeks have to have an additional talent. They need to be able to describe their machines to librarians, traditionally non-geeks. Explained Springer, "We have to be able to communicate with the staff. The tools can't be used well if we teach them in a language they don't understand."

Springer and his team also need to keep abreast of the constantly chang-

ing world of technology. They attend professional conferences, they read periodicals, they consult with colleagues, all in an attempt to predict which new innovation will actually enhance the library's service to its patrons. An example of the success with which they do this is wireless network conductivity. The library received a grant from the State Library to establish one of the first mobile wireless training labs in the state. It is the goal of the department to make each of the libraries a "hot spot" so that anyone can come into one of the buildings with a laptop computer with a wireless connector and be able to connect to the Internet.



Bringing in new equipment

The Computer Services Department, now 7 strong, has only existed since 1998. To put things in perspective, in 1994 when Springer joined the library, it had ten computers. It now has 180. This only begins to explain the increasing complexity of the library's computer needs.

The library purchased its first and only automated system for tracking its materials in 1987 and has upgraded several times over the years. The automated system is used for maintenance of the patron, book and transaction databases, production of management reports, production of notices, and lists for collection development. At the time of purchase, the library was loaning 787,000 items yearly. Last year, it kept track of more than 2,000,000 transactions, nearly three times as many. This division is headed by Judy Clark.

The other major part of the department's duties is to support the staff

For anyone who remembers the card catalog, all of this technology does seem a lot like magic.



Front Row, L-R, Steve Blossom, Judy Clark Middle Row, Rick Cuffari, June Gahr, Don Lombardi Back Row, Cliff Baker, John Springer

Latest Lines (Staff Suggested Reading)

Latest Lines on Creative Writing for all ages

Writing with Style by Sue Young.
An easy to use, upbeat guide to the writing process for young people.

Creative Writing

Writing Smart Junior
by Princeton Review.
A systematic introduction to clear, effective writing that includes grammar, sentence and paragraph structure, and practice exercises.

Steering the Craft
by Ursula Le Guin.
One of the great writers of the 20th century writes about the basic elements of narrative.

The Art of Creative Nonfiction
by Lee Gutkind.
Concise, pointed advice on every aspect of writing and selling your work.

Writing in Ohio
by Lavern Hall.
A guide to publishers, writers groups, educational opportunities and more in the Buckeye State.

Latest Links (Staff Suggested Surfing)

Latest Links to Creative Writing Sites for all ages

Poetry Writing with Jack Prelutsky
http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/jack_home.htm
Learn how to write a poem that Jack will publish! Includes poetry writing tips, Jack's bio and sound clips of his poems.

Guide to Grammar & Writing
<http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar>
Excellent overview of the writing process from grammar to composition.

Writing-World.com
<http://www.writing-world.com>
Hundreds of articles and links for writers. Click on the Fiction link for step-by-step fundamentals.

Online Writing Lab (OWL)
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu>
Purdue University's online writing lab offers free handouts, interactive exercises, and many other resources for aspiring writers.

Freelance Writers - About.com
<http://www.freelancewrite.about.com/oc/creativewriting>
Comprehensive creative writing site. Links, articles, and essential tips for writers.

Booksales

Bainbridge

Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by The Friends of the Bainbridge Library.

New Books mainly for children.

Thursday, July 21 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, July 22 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 23 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Chardon

"Arts Festival Book Sale" Sponsored by the Chardon Friends of the Library.

Saturday, Aug. 6 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Members Only Preview (*New and Renewal memberships at the door*)
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. General Sale
Sunday, Aug. 7
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. General Sale

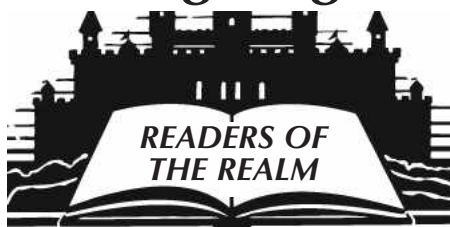
Middlefield

When you're visiting the new Middlefield Library, please stop in our Friends Room and take a look at our on-going Booksale. You'll find many great bargains and a friendly atmosphere! Week day afternoons. Sponsored by East Geauga Friends of the Middlefield Library.

Thompson

4th of July Booksale on the Thompson Square.
Monday, July 4 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Adult Summer Reading Program



Kings and Queens, Lords and Ladies, welcome all! Join us and become a *Reader of the Realm*.

Fill out an entry form for each book read and be eligible to win prizes. Contact your local library or Bookmobile for details. Participation is open to current adult library card holders from the GCPL System.

June 20 - July 29, 2005

Book Discussions

Bainbridge

First Monday, 2:00 p.m.

June 6, *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*
August 6, *Easter Island*

Geauga West

First Wednesday of month, 7:00 p.m.

June 1, *The Lobster Chronicles*
July 6, *The Captain's Wife*
August 3, *Devil in the White City*
Sept. 7, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*

Middlefield

2nd Thursday each month, 6:30 p.m.
Join us at the New Middlefield Library for an evening of lively, interesting discussion. New members are always welcome! Registration begins June 3.

June 9, *Easter Island*
July 14, *Eliot Ness: The Real Story*
August 11, *Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Kecky*

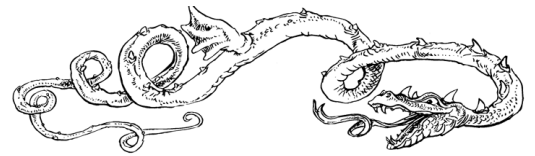
Children's Summer Reading Club

IT'S "DRAGONS, DREAMS & DARING DEEDS!"

Join Geauga County Public Library's 2005 Summer Reading Program. It starts June 13 at a library near you! The 2005 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool age through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story hours,

a reading club and more.

How can you become involved? Check out this edition of *Lines & Links* for a complete list of programming. We look forward to seeing you this summer in the library for "Dragons, Dreams, & Daring Deeds!"



- programs
- books
- activities
- prize drawings
- story hours
- a reading club
- and more

Teen Summer Reading Program

Read
Have Fun

READ
Win Prizes!!

**Joust
Read!**

Track the time you spend reading this summer and be eligible to win some cool prizes.



2005 Teen Summer Reading

- * Open to anyone entering grades 6 through 12
- * Available at all libraries
- * The more you read, the more often you might win
- * Check your local library for dates and details

Watch for more information

Library Night at the Drive-In

- Each car will receive a discount with a library card
- Film guaranteed to be for the whole family

Program for the whole family. Registration begins June 3.
County Wide Summer Reading Program –

"A Knights Story"

How about a visit from a knight in shining armor? Roger McKinney will present an enjoyable 1 hour interactive program with fun and facts about the Middle Ages. See medieval artifacts on display and stick around for a time of hands-on inspection after the program!

Roger McKinney has give hundreds of programs in Ohio and W. Virginia since 1995. He is a medievalist and re-enactor from Shelby, Ohio.

Thursday, June 30

7:00 p.m.

Cardinal Middle School, 14717 Thompson Ave,
Middlefield



Bainbridge Youth Programs



Babytime

Fridays, June 3, 10, July 1, 8.
Registration begins May 23.
Limited to 15.

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

Ages 13 months – 24 months with caregiver
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Storytimes

June 14 – July 21.

Registration begins Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for walk-in sign ups and on Monday June 6, for phone registration.

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2 – 3 yrs. and caregiver
June 14 – July 21 Tuesday and Wednesday,
9:30 – 10:00 a.m., 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5yrs
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.,
1:30 – 2:15 p.m., 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Bookbugs

Children entering Kindergarten
June 14 – July 21
Wednesdays, 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

"Drop-In Family Storytime"

Families with children ages 2 yrs. – 6 yrs.
August 3, 10, 17, and 24.
Wednesday, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

School Age/Summer Reading Program

For students entering grades 1 – 5
Thursdays, June 16 – July 21.
10:00 a.m.- 11 a.m. OR 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Registration begins June 4, 9:30 a.m. –
4:30 p.m. for walk-ins.
Phone registration begins June 6.

"Courageous Knights and Daring Damsels"

Return to the days of old when Knights and damsels cared for the castles, with an hour of games and crafts.
June 23

"Magical World of Harry Potter"

Drop in between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for games, crafts, and activities to get ready for the new book, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.
Costume contests at
10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. June 30

"In The Days of Dragons"

Dream of daring deeds with dragons, dastardly or delightful. We will be exploring the world of these wonderful creatures through many activities. July 7.

"Prepare for the Fair: Create a Headpiece"

Drop in between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to make a headpiece and get costume ideas for the Medieval Fair.
July 14.

Family Programs

For families of school age Summer Reading Program participants, storytime children, and young adults. Walk-in registration begins June 4, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Phone registration begins June 6. Programs will be held out doors, weather permitting.

"Medieval Magic Kick Off"

Come to an enchanting evening of medieval entertainment – magic, spinning plates, audience participation and much more with ZAP the Royal Court Jester! Bob Durante is a Greater Cleveland Area magician, juggler, and entertainer.
Thursday, June 16, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

"A Knight's Story - County Wide Summer Reading Program"

A visit from a knight in shining armor. Roger McKinney will present a most enjoyable interactive program with fun and facts on the Middle Ages. See page 4 for more information. Program to be held at Cardinal Middle School in Middlefield.
Thursday, June 30, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

"Heigh-ho! Come To The Medieval Fair"

Experience a Medieval Fair with entertainment, demonstrations, treats, and fun for all! Lots of photo-ops so bring a camera. Come in a costume if you wish.
Thursday, July 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

School Age and Young Adults

For students entering grades 1 and 2 AND Young Adult volunteers. Programs begin June 13 and end July 18. Registration is required and begins Saturday, June 4 for walk-in registration. Phone registration begins Monday, June 6. No sessions on July 4.

"Book Buddies"

Beginning Readers will be teamed with Young Adult Volunteers for an hour of reading, writing, and other related activi-

ties designed to reinforce and practice skills learned in school. Session limited to 3 children per YA volunteer. Both children and Young Adults must register. Training for Young Adults will be held Thursday, June 9, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 13 – July 18, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. OR 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Young Adults

For students entering grades 6 and up. Walk-in registration begins Saturday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Phone registration begins Monday, June 6.

"Joust Read!"

Participate in the 2005 Young Adult Summer Reading Program! "Joust" read... and be eligible for weekly prizes. June 9 – July 30.

"Babysitting Clinic"

Two sessions focus on basic guidelines for babysitting excellence, qualities of a good babysitter, and a Q & A session with the Bainbridge Police Department and the Bainbridge Fire Department. Fire safety, first aid, and general safety issues will be addressed. Thursday, June 23, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. AND Friday, June 24, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. This class fills quickly. Please try to register as soon as possible so you will not be disappointed. Registration limited to 25.

"Medieval Tafl Games & Board Games"

Did you know that some of the games you play today were also played during medieval times in Asia and Europe? Come learn to play chess, checkers, backgammon and others with your friends. Refreshments, of course!
Thursday, July 7, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

"Medieval Fear Factor"

Have you ever tried "lardy jacks", "dragontail, pickled eggs or a "sop of onions"? Come join a medieval challenge where losers get to sample medieval fare of "dubious origin".
Thursday, July 14, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"Join the Quest at Your Library"

Online Scavenger Hunt. Be a part of this quest for information from June 13 – July 18. Questions will be posted weekly – some with hints and some without. Your search will lead you to obscure, interesting, trivial or historical information about medieval times.
June 13 – July 18, ongoing for 6 weeks.



Chardon Youth Programs



Storytimes

Programs begin June 13 and end July 22. Registration is required and begins May 31. No stories on Monday, July 4.

Babytime

Under 24 months with caregiver. No older siblings please. June 13 – July 22 Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m., Fridays, 11:00 a.m. Registration is limited to 12.

Time for Twos

2 years old with adult caregiver. June 13 – July 22, no siblings please. Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m., Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Fridays, 10:00 a.m. Registration is limited to 12.

Preschool Storytime

"My Home Is My Castle"
Ages 3 – Kindergarten June 13 – July 22, Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

School Age

For children entering grades 1–5 June 13 – July 22 Registration begins June 2. Programs limited to 50 except where noted.

"At a Medieval Faire"

Jugglers, musicians, and other performers will entertain you. Enjoy faire foods, craftmaking and games of the day. Try your hand at (safe) archery. Wednesday, June 15, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. OR 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"In Dragons' Kingdoms"

Good dragons, like the magical Book Dragon and Popcorn Dragon, appear to those who believe in them. Knights will teach you how to protect yourself from terrible dragons. Will you see dragons??? Wednesday, June 22, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. OR 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Harry Potter Book #6 – A Drop in Craft as We Wait the Final Days"

Drop-in between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for a magical craft (and snack) as we anticipate the July 16 release of the long awaited *Harry Potter and The Half-Blood Prince*. Wednesday, June 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration is not limited.

"In the Enchanted Forests"

Celebrate summer with the elves and fairies in the Enchanted Forest. Help break spells that were cast on a princess and a frog prince. Then join Robin Hood for an adventure in Sherwood Forest. Wednesday, July 6, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. OR 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

"At the Castle Banquet and Tournament"

Add jewels to your crown and choose a royal ring to wear to the banquet. Enjoy royal festivities and cheer for your favorite knight at the jousting tournament. Behave, and you will avoid the dungeon! Wednesday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. OR 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Meet a Wizard and His Wondrous Birds of Prey"

Wizard, Ken Malbierti from the Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center "castle", will hold you spellbound with his birds of prey. He will present birds of prey from days of olde, the world of Harry Potter and today! Wednesday, July 20, 10:30 a.m. Registration is limited to 100.

Special Programs

Children ages 5 and up.

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"The Lorax and You"

Join the Lorax for a craft, games and good information on being kind to our world. Carrie Hess from Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, will host this program. Wednesday, August 10, 10:30 a.m. Registration is limited to 50.

Young Adult Programs

Programs begin June 13 and end July 22. Entering grade 6 and up. Registration begins June 2.

"Medieval Faire"

Come all ye knights and damsels, to a celebration medieval. Join us for a glimpse of times past which promises to thrill and excite all who attend. Decorate your own goblet, make a shield, bead a crown, and create wire jewelry. Dress for the occasion, if you like. Thursday, June 16, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. No registration limits.

"Babysitting Clinic"

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. Thursday, June 23, Noon – 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 24, Noon – 2:00 p.m. Registration limited to 25.

"Medieval Trivia"

Test your knowledge of all things Medieval. Stop by anytime Thursday, July 7, and complete our trivia quiz. All entries with correct answers will win a prize suitable for a knight or damsel. Thursday, July 7, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration is not limited.

"Medieval Talent Show"

Hear ye, hear ye, all knights and damsels, lords and jesters, jugglers and wizards, troubadours and minstrels. You are called up to dazzle the Royal Court with music, mirth, and merriment. The Royal Procession begins at 2:00 p.m. with trumpets heralding the Royals' arrival into the Shire of Chardon. A Medieval Feast of sumptuous selections of tasty treats will be served to all performers. Thursday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration limited to 25.



Thompson Youth Programs



Summer Reading Program

Preschool – 5th. Grade

June 15 – July 20
Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.
Registration not required.

School age - Grades 1 - 6

Registration begins June 15.
Registration limited to 50.

"Afternoon at Hogwarts"

Spend the afternoon at Hogwarts and learn some basic wizardry. Saturday, July 16, 1:00 p.m.

Young Adult - Grades 6 - 12

June 15 – July 20.
Registration not required.

"Summer Reading Program"

Time spent reading earns entries into weekly drawing for prizes. **Grand prize will be awarded on July 20.**



Geauga West Youth Programs



Storytimes

Programs begin the week of June 13 and continue through the week of July 18. Registration begins on June 1.

Babytime

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

Toddler Storytime

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

Preschool Storytime

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

Trailblazers

Entering grades 1-3
Tuesdays 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

"Super Sign Up Day"

Wednesday, June 1 from 4:00 p.m. – 8p.m.
IN PERSON ONLY. Come and register for an exciting summer of "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds." Students entering grades 1 – 5 may register and create a felt banner to decorate the library this summer. Students entering grades 6 – 12 may register for the "Joust Read" programs. Phone registration (440-729-4250) for all programs begins on June 2.

School Age

Entering grades 1–5

"Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds Reading Program"

Track your time spent reading, and you can win great prizes from our treasure chest. Kids entering grades 3 – 5 may also participate in Book Bingo to win even more prizes! June 13 – July 22.

"Castles and Cathedrals"

Build a castle you can eat and more! Join us for some medieval fun making four castle and cathedral crafts.
Thursday, June 16, 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 7:00p.m.

"Royal Rumpus"

Hear ye, hear ye! The king and queen decree that all eligible lads and maidens must come to participate in stories, games, and crowning crafts.
Thursday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

A Knight's Tale

See description on page 4
Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Cardinal Middle School.

"Once Upon a Knight Show"

Return to those days of yesteryear when damsels, dragons, and knight-hood flourished with ventriloquist Mark Wade and his friends Charlie the Chicken-Hearted and Mordo the Dragon. Thursday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m.

"Dragon Hunt"

Each knight (including YOU!) will venture deep into the dragon's lair to find his treasure. Thursday, July 14 between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

"Medieval Faire"

Alas, our summer festivities are drawing to a close. Nonetheless, lads and maidens shall rejoice on this day with swordfighting competitions, jousting on their noble steeds, the catapulting of marshmallows, and the eating of tasty morsels.
Thursday, July 21 at 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

"Harry Potter Party"

Help us celebrate the arrival of the sixth Harry Potter book! Join us for games, crafts, and a magical treat. For those entering grades 3 – 8 only, please. Saturday, July 16, 2:00 p.m.

Young Adult Programs

Entering grades 6-12

"Joust Read!"

Spend time reading this summer, and you can win prizes! Visit the library to pick up your "reading chess board"—and find out about those prizes—anytime after 4:00 p.m. on June 1.

"Volunteer Opportunities"

Volunteer opportunities at the library abound during the summer, and they look great on college and scholarship applications, too. See a Youth Librarian for details.

"Scavenger Hunt"

Drop in anytime to complete our medieval-themed Internet scavenger hunt. June-July

"Teen Book Discussions"

Monday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.
Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

Monday, July 25, 7:00 p.m.

Pygmalion.

Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

"Catapult Competition"

We'll build some launchers and test them out.... Which projectile do YOU think will go the farthest?
Wednesday, June 15, 3:00 p.m.

"Making Hemp Jewelry"

Join us to make a bracelet or necklace for yourself or a friend.
Wednesday, June 22, 3:00 p.m.

"Poetry Pizzazz"

Local poets, come write and share some of your works.
Fun for everyone.
Wednesday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.

"Babysitting Basics"

Learn basic childcare, safety, and first aid tips in this three-hour program.
Wednesday, July 13, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Newbury Youth Programs



Storytimes

Begins week of June 20 and ends week of July 25. Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
No storytime week of July 4.

"Puppet Show"

Meet the charming prince, beautiful princess, evil sorcerer and the not so dastardly dragon as they all go on an adventure.
Thursday, June 23, Time TBA

"Jolly, the King's Jester"

Jolly will entertain and educate with true stories of the men and women who entertained in the courts of kings and queens.
Thursday, July 14, Time TBA

"Medieval Craft"

Come make shields, swords and other daring Medieval devices. Food and drink will be served.
Thursday, July 21, Time TBA



Middlefield Youth Programs



Registration begins June 3.

Babytime

Ages 6-24 months accompanied by an adult. Babytime is a twenty minute program designed with your baby in mind. We will sing songs, read books, do fingerplays, rhymes and much more!

Fridays, June, 17, July 22, August 26.
10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
Each session is limited to 10.

Tales For Two's

"Once Upon A Storytime"

Ages 2 – 3 years accompanied by an adult. June 14 – July 20.
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytimes

"Once Upon a Storytime"

Ages 3 – 5 years
June 13 – July 20.
Mondays, 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.,
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

School Age Grades K-5

Registration is required and begins on June 3.

"Mad Science of Northeast Ohio Presents... Dare to Dream"

Let's get ready to have a great time. Gearing up for our Summer Reading Program with a kick-off event which will be fun for all!
Thursday, June 16, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Reptile Rumors"

A representative of the Geauga County Park District will be here to share some fascinating facts about miniature "dragons" (snakes and turtles). Using slides and live specimens, this program presents fascinating facts about these needlessly feared and hated creatures – REPTILES!
Thursday, June 23,
Grades K – 2, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Grades 3 – 5, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

School Age Grades K – 5 (Special)

"A Knight's Story - County-Wide Summer Reading Program"

A visit from a knight in shining armor. Roger McKinney will present a most enjoyable interactive program with fun and facts on the Middle Ages. See page 4 for more information. Program to be held at Cardinal Middle School in Middlefield.
Thursday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

"Puss & Boots"

Kent Trumbull Children's Theatre will present the fairytale "Puss & Boots." The dramatic portrayal by child actors will begin the program followed by a special time for questions and answers.
Thursday, July 7
Grades K – 2, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Grades 3 – 5, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

School Age – Grades K – 5 (Special)

"Jolly – The King's Jester"

Jolly the Jester, portrayed by Patrick Jolly, will be here to present an exciting show of juggling and magic tricks.
Thursday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

School Age – Grades K – 2

"Kings, Queens and Castles"

There will be a special presentation about Kings, Queens and castles with time for a game and a royal craft.
Thursday, July 21, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

School Age – Grades 3 – 5

"The Flying Dragon Room"

Come and hear this book and visit the Bubble Room, Wild Animal Room, the Food Room and make a dragon craft.
Thursday, July 21, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Medieval Book Bunch"

Bring your lunch and eat while you're read a Medieval Tale. When you're done eating, we'll make a Medieval craft.
Thursdays, June 23, June 30, July 7,
July 14, July 21, 12:00 p.m.

Young Adults Grades 6 – 12 Registration begins June 3.

"Video Game Madness"

Bring your favorite game and controller and play against your friends. Snacks will be provided.
Tuesdays, June 14, June 28, July 12,
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Babysitting Clinic"

Learn the ins and outs of babysitting including: infant and toddler care, how to get jobs and handling emergencies. Attend all 3 sessions and receive a certificate of completion.
Wednesdays, June 15, 22, and 29,
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Medieval Deeds"

Help create a life size (almost) castle to be used for summer reading programs and the Medieval Faire. Snacks will be provided.
Tuesday, June 21, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Medieval Deeds"

Create and make games and medieval costumes to use at the Medieval Faire. Snacks will be provided.
Tuesday, July 5, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Medieval Deeds"

Help the younger children as they visit the Bubble Room, Wild Animal Room, Food Room and make a dragon craft.
Thursday, July 21, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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"A Medieval Faire"

Hear ye! Hear ye! All bards, craftsmen, jesters, minstrels, and assorted fools who participated in the Summer Reading Club are asked to attend this royal gathering to celebrate their accomplishments.
Saturday, July 23, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Adult Programs



Bainbridge

"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. Thursday, August 4, 7:00 p.m.

"Writer's Group"

A new group is forming at Bainbridge Library for people who are interested in working on improving their writing skills. Friday, June 10, 24, July 8, 22, and August 5, 26, 12:30 p.m.

Chardon

"Custer's Last Stand: The Myth, the Legend, the Truth!"

Harold George, local lecturer and author, will give a talk and slide show on the Battle of the Little Bighorn and life as a cavalryman in 1876. There will be a display of artifacts, photographs, and antique weapons.

Monday, June 20, 7:00 p.m. Call 285-7601 to register. Program limited to 75.

"Lyric Writing Workshop"

Steve Smith, Bob Pope, and musician Kyle Brooks will present a three-day workshop on the process of writing song lyrics. It will include a review of contemporary song lyrics. Attendees can participate in a lyric-writing competition to be judged on the final day.

Monday and Thursday, July 25 and 28, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Saturday July 30, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Call 285-7601 to register. Program limited to 50.

"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. Monday, August 15, 2005. 2 p.m. OR 7 p.m.

Geauga West Library

"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.

"Beyond the Guidebooks to Rome"

Whether you are planning a trip to Italy or you just got home and are curious about what you saw, join classicist and tour leader Bill Prueter as he explores and explains monuments and churches of Rome that are neglected by traditional tour guides and goes in-depth on some of the more familiar sites. Monday, June 20, 7:00 p.m. Call 729-4250 to register.

"Calligraphy for Cards, Scrapbooks and More"

Staff member, Jacquie Murley-Schaffer, shows us how to use Calligraphy markers and pens to decorate a book-mark to take home and to enhance your cards and scrapbooks. Tuesday, July 26, 7:00 p.m. Call 729-4250 to register.

"Geauga West Writers' Workshop"

Improve your writing skills and share your original works with others. All interested persons are invited whether you are a novice or an experienced writer. Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m. Call 729-4250 to register.

Middlefield

"Writer's Group"

If you're interested in improving your writing skills, working toward publication, having your writing critiqued or clarifying your writing voice. Tuesdays, June 7, 21, July 5, 19, and August 9, 23, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Registration begins June 3.

"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. New knitters/crocheters are welcome – we'll teach you. Joan Kick will be the leader. Saturdays, June 11, July 9, August 13, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

"Summer Reads: Book Chat"

Join staff for a glass of iced tea and a lively, interesting Book Chat on this year's HOT Summer Books. Bring along any favorites you'd like to share. Hand-outs will be available! Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.

"Author Sarah Willis Reads from her Newest Book"

Exciting author, Sarah Willis, will read from and discuss her latest novel, *The Sound of Us*. Ms. Willis has been the recipient of the Cleveland Arts Prize, the Stephen Crane First Fiction award and is a fascinating and inspiring speaker. Copies of her books will be available for signing. Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.

"Summer Scrapbooking Fun!"

Join us for a crop-n-idea exchange. Bring along your scrapping supplies and pictures. We'll help you with suggestions and ideas. Some supplies will be available for new scrappers! Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Registration is limited to 30 and begins on June 3.

"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. Wednesday, August 17, 7:00 p.m.

Thompson

"Summer Reading Program"

Time spent reading earns entries into weekly drawing for prizes. Grand prize will be awarded on July 20. June 15-July 20. Registration is not limited.

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Internet Classes

Bainbridge

Registration begins July 11.
Classes limited to 5.

"Internet Searching"

Learn how to search the Internet.
Wednesday, August 3, 2:00 p.m.

"Beyond Google"

Explore useful websites to find a variety of information.
Wednesday, August 3, 3:30 p.m.

"Internet Help for the Job Seeker"

Discover Internet Resources for career planning, job searching, and resume writing.
Thursday, August 4, 10:00 a.m.

Chardon Library

Classes limited to 6. Call the library at 285-7601 to register.

"Meet the Mouse"

For beginners with little or no

computer experience.
Wednesday, June 8,
9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, June 8,
7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

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

Tuesday, June 7,
7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Thursday, June 9,
9:30 p.m. - 11:15 a.m.

"Finding Internet Treasures"

Leads searchers into helpful resources not tapped by Google and other Search Engines.

Monday, June 6,
7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Middlefield

"Internet Tutorials"

These one-on-one tutorials provide "hands-on" experience that is tailored to your needs. We include

basic Internet, smart searching and **"meet the mouse"** for beginners. Please call the library at 440-632-1961 to schedule an appointment.

Genealogy Programs

All classes are taught by Sandy Malitz, Staff Genealogist. For more information about a class, contact Sandy Malitz at raccoon@oplin.org or at the Chardon Library (440) 285-7601. Registration begins immediately.

"What Our Ancestors Did For Recreation"

Summer is a time for having fun. Learn about what our ancestors did for recreation from the 1850s to early 1900s. Try your hand at some of the games.

Thursday, June 30, 2005

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Register by calling the Bainbridge Library (440) 543-5611

Welcome new employees



Therese Feicht

comes to the Geauga County Public Library from upstate New York where she served as the Assistant Director of the Four County Library System, a regional service center serving 42 libraries. She will serve the same function here and will be responsible for Human Resource issues and the operation of the branches. Her goal at the moment is to "learn our people and learn the job."



She returns to the area to be nearer to her family in Sandusky. She enjoys gardening and until she finds a more permanent home in Geauga County, she will borrow her sister's garden to work in. Ms. Feicht particularly enjoys myster-

ies featuring strong women detectives as well as travel books and essays.

Donna

Waldorf joined the Geauga County Public Library in May and will serve as the new Head of Technical



Services. This is the department that orders all materials and then processes them in order to make them easy for you to locate in the library. Ms. Waldorf has worked for 20 years as an adult services librarian for the Cuyahoga County Public Library and was most recently employed by the Lake/Geauga Computer Association in library software support. She brings many skills to the position.

Ms. Waldorf is a resident of Bainbridge with her husband David and her two children. Her reading interests are, she claims, eclectic and run the gamut from best sellers to literary works. Her current book is the #1 *ladies Detective Agency*. Ms. Waldorf spends much of her time volunteering at the Geauga County animal shelter fostering kittens and walking dogs.

Ron Antonucci, the new manager at the Middlefield Library, is a veteran with the system as he has been here since October of last year. He has brought with him a passion and expertise in adult programming and has taken the lead in increasing cultural programming in all the libraries. He and his staff have been busy every minute keeping up with the increased borrowing rate and the increased use of the new library. He loves it!

Director's Notes

Lean times ahead for libraries – double whammy to library revenue!

Many of our residents are surprised to find out that the major source of income for the Geauga County Public Library comes from the State of Ohio. (Most assume that our primary source of income is the local 1.0 mill property tax last replaced in 2002.) Over 55% of the library's income comes from the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF), directly from your state income taxes. The local library levy represents 40% of the library's revenue and the remaining 5% comes from a variety of sources including fines, fees, investment income and gifts.

The proposed state budget beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007 reduces the LLGSF by 5%. In addition, the proposed budget reduces income taxes for Ohio residents so the base for the LLGSF is also reduced. All in all, these cuts will amount to over 10% of our income in the first year of the budget alone. In the second year we expect an additional 4% cut as the new income tax reductions are phased in. The budget does not replace this income for the libraries. We have been told by our legislators that the libraries will need to make the

necessary cuts to balance their budgets with significantly reduced income.

Now for the second part of the "double whammy." The budget bill also includes elimination of the personal property tax – taxes levied on the capital improvements in businesses in Geauga County. This measure will reduce our local property tax income by another 5%.

The Geauga County Public Library does not maintain a surplus for its continuing operations. Beginning in 2001, the legislature has frozen and reduced our main source of funding every year, resulting in a loss of 13% since then. When we replaced our local levy in 2002, it was our expectation that the small increase in the levy collection would offset losses from the state and also allows us to continue our program of adding services as needed by the community. Because the state cuts have continued longer than expected, we have not been able to keep up with the increased demand for services in the county. Since 2001, Geauga County Public Library's LLGSF has declined

13% and our circulation has increased 14%. We continue to have the highest per capita borrowing in the state!



The Library Board will be faced with difficult choices as funds are reduced and demands increase. Your input is greatly appreciated in this process. Feel free to contact me at occonnode@oplin.org or by telephone at 286-6811 with any suggestions or comments

you might have.

Finally, the budget process is not complete. As I write this on the first of May, the budget has passed the State House and is on its way to the State Senate. It is expected to be completed by the end of June. If you have thoughts about this, feel free to contact our legislators to let them know your thoughts on funding Ohio's public libraries.

Happy Reading, Listening and Viewing at the Geauga County Public Library.

Deborah F. O'Connor



Disintermediation

This is a long word to describe the changes in our society that permit more and more self service in our lives. We can purchase our own airline tickets without a travel agent, but we still need travel agents to make recommendations and complicated arrangements. The same is true for your use of the library. You are personally able to do more and more library business on your own from any convenient location. This does not in any way diminish the need for librarians who are the experts at navigating the routes to the information or materials that you need or want. It frees them up from more mundane tasks to do just that. It means that, if you know exactly what you want, in most cases you will be able to

get to it on your own.

The library's database is available to everyone on any computer with Internet access. You can see your personal record of borrowing and which books are due and which are on hold for you. You can even renew items using the Internet. The MORE (Move Ohio's Resources Everywhere) service allows you to order a book from any participating library. At the Middlefield Library, you can even check out your own materials.

This July, look for a new service that will allow you to download spoken word books onto your personal computer or MP3 player. See the article on pg.1 for details.

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Angels and Demons and the Election of the Pope

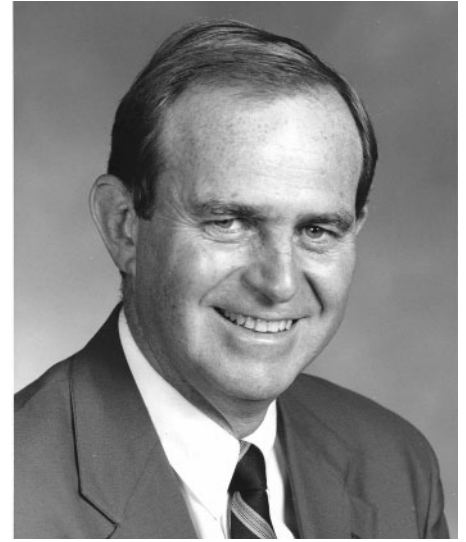
Geauga County's favorite expert on Church history, Dr. Joseph Kelly, will present a program on "Angels & Demons and the Election of a Pope." He will take a probing look at the book and its main characters as they race through Rome chasing the illusive Illuminati. He will compare author Dan Brown's version of the conclave with the one just concluded that elected Pope Benedict XVI. Dr. Kelly is the Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at John Carroll University and is an interesting and entertaining speaker with an

encyclopedic knowledge of his subject. It is Dr. Kelly who presented the exceedingly popular program, "The DaVinci Code: The Fact behind the Fiction."

He will speak on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Geauga West Library, 13455 Chillicothe Rd., Chesterland. Please call 440-729-4250 to register.



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