



Lines & Links

Your Connection to Reading, Learning and Growing for More Than 50 Years

GCPL's dream is to inspire, interact, and create

WHAT DRIVES YOUR DREAMS?

Geauga County Public Library offers a robust collection, engaging programming and dedicated staff. Residents of all ages and backgrounds use our books, articles, movies, music, databases and community spaces to educate and entertain themselves, to achieve occupational objectives, and to inspire their own ideas. GCPL is always ready to help you find what drives your dreams. As we look to the future, we see incredible opportunities to positively impact people's lives with technology, resources and spaces to help build community connections. We are beginning to evaluate our facilities to determine what we can do with what we have as well as what we could do if we were to expand, improve or even replace them. Our



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~ Karen Woods



"The library is a great resource... Thompson has so much to offer, and a dedicated library building would greatly enhance this area."

~ Erwin "Kok" Leffel

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branches range from 46 (Chardon) to 12 (Middlefield) years old. Our newer branches at Geauga West and Middlefield offer attractive, modern quarters for community meetings, private tutoring, a large browsing collection and plenty of public computers. But our older buildings have limitations that need to be addressed. Our two library stations in Thompson and Newbury, both located in public school buildings, face uncertain futures.

As we prudently consider how to sustain and improve the quality and scope of our services, we need to confront both the inevitable and the unexpected. Geauga County's population has changed significantly over time, and several of our

buildings no longer fully meet the needs of their communities. In 1970, Geauga had 62,977 citizens. Hardly anyone had a PC at home; no one knew what the internet was. In 2010, Geauga had 93,389 citizens, nearly all with computer and internet needs. Yet, not everyone has this technology in their homes. Libraries open gates to where everyone has entree to life-enriching materials.

Bringing the facility level up to the standards we've established at Middlefield is a worthy goal for both the southwest and northeast areas of the county. Our dream is for everyone in Geauga to have access to functional, adaptive and interactive facilities. Providing a library environment where all of our residents, and especially families and students, can engage in positive

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GCPL Future Dreams

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social interaction and research is our dream. Here is where people start their job searches, find friends, attend programs, work on academic projects, get passports, destress, watch movies, discover social services, and yes, find books.

The GCPL Board of Trustees has created an ad hoc committee to review and evaluate its seven existing facilities and make recommendations for future improvements and potential expansions. We want to be as forthcoming as possible about this process and invite citizens to share with us their ideas of how they would like to use their library spaces. What drives your dream of what your library can be?

CHARDON

Chardon Library moved into its current location in 1970. We are proud of our most recent renovation in 2016. The new floor plan has improved foot traffic and reading and study areas. However, community space is still sorely lacking. We are exploring long-term opportunities and would welcome discussions with Chardon Tomorrow, the Chardon Square Association and Chardon Schools to build and share a complementary facility. We have no immediate plans for further

renovations, but we have acquired property on the Square next to our current location to allow for growth in the future.

BAINBRIDGE

Until September of 1985, the GCPL facility serving the Bainbridge and Auburn Township communities was housed in a storefront on Washington Street. Space was so cramped that the poetry section was shelved in the men's bathroom. The desire for a dedicated building was high, but unfortunately, so were interest rates - at about 20 percent.

So, we did the best we could with our resources at the time. We built a 10,000-square-foot branch that is now overcrowded. Because it was not built to commercial-grade construction standards like Middlefield or Geauga West, it is now near the end of its useful life, and has been costing significant money to maintain and repair. In fact, it costs 73 percent more per square foot to heat Bainbridge than it does to heat Geauga West - at 38 and 22 cents, respectively. And, it needs new lighting, insulation and carpet. These three items alone could cost \$250,000.

Citizens have noticed the cramped conditions. "Meeting rooms are desperately needed," says Bainbridge resident Karen Woods, an avid reader. "So many wonderful programs are

held at the library, but there is only one room to hold gatherings. Kids need quiet study rooms and a place to spread out and do their homework. This is a great library, but there is no place to relax and read. I don't know if people realize how responsive the library is to patron needs. It's amazing."

Groups frequently are unable to book the one community room because it's in near constant use. People often have to wait for tables and computers. There are no study carrels or private tutoring rooms. Windows are drafty. The air conditioning is faulty. Is it wise to spend tax dollars on a building we have known for quite some time will need to be replaced? We don't think so. Our dream is to build a much larger, commercial grade construction facility that will sit on land currently owned by GCPL immediately adjacent to the existing location.

LIBRARY STATIONS IN THOMPSON AND NEWBURY

Our two library stations reach underserved segments of the Geauga population. The Thompson Library Station housed in Ledgemont School serves people who have few options for community gathering. Amenities for intellectual and social interaction are limited. The Newbury community faces a similar situation. Its station

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Geauga Shutterbugs

C Geauga's photography enthusiasts typically meet the first Thursday of the month in Chardon Library's Bostwick Room at 6:30 p.m. to explore photography techniques, give and receive critiques, and enjoy field trips. All experience levels are welcome. No fees or dues; just bring your passion for photography. Thursdays: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6. No meeting May 4



Passport Fairs

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

B Bainbridge: Sat., Feb. 4 **M** Middlefield: Sat., Feb. 25

Need a passport? GCPL and the Geauga County Clerk of Courts have partnered to provide one-stop shopping to help you get your passport on two convenient Saturday sessions.

- Passport application (available at event)
- Proof of citizenship (certified birth certificate)
- Proof of identity (photo ID or driver's license)
- 2"x2" passport photo. John's Photography of Burton will be on site (\$10). Any picture submitted with eyeglasses on will not be accepted.
- Children 15 and younger must appear in person with parents and their photo IDs.
- Minors 16 and 17 require only one parent to appear in person with parent's photo ID.

Bring one check for each application along with cash or check for the processing fee. All applicants must be present. No expedited or renewal applications; only new passports processed. Please come to the Clerk of Courts Title office only for expedited processing.

Unusual circumstances? Please call the Clerk of Courts Title Office before the event at 440-279-1750. www.travel.state.gov.



Tax assistance

Volunteers from AARP will help you file your 2016 federal and state taxes. Appointments are required; call your library to schedule. Please bring the following to your appointment:

- Copy of your 2015 tax returns
- All 2016 tax statements
- Proof of identity
- Social security card



B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Mondays: Feb. 6 - April 10, except Feb. 13, March 13

Saturdays: Feb. 11 - April 8, except March 4

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Wednesdays: Feb. 1 - Apr. 12

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Thursdays: Feb. 2 - April 13

M Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Tuesdays: Feb. 7 - April 11



Newbury bicentennial

Newbury Township is commemorating its 200th Birthday in 2017. Much has changed since early 19th century pioneers described our diverse forests and rolling lands when they built their shelters from the timber provided in the woodlands. Several events including the library are planned to celebrate in the summer of 2017. Look for more information in the next issue of *Lines & Links*.

Introducing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Visit your local GCPL branch in January to sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Studies show that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary — important tools when learning to read in kindergarten. Children who sign up will receive a free 1,000 Books T-shirt featuring our new mascot.



Storytime Programs and Classes

Registration start date for Geauga West and Chardon is Dec. 15. Registration is not required at Bainbridge, Middlefield, Newbury and Thompson.

B Bainbridge ● 440-543-5611

Baby storytime

Birth - 18 months, with caregiver
Tues.: Jan. 10 - March 28, 10 a.m.
Thurs.: Jan. 12 - March 30, 10 a.m.



Toddler and preschool storytime
2 - 5 years, with caregiver
Wed.: Jan. 11 - March 29, 10 a.m.

Family storytime

All ages
Tues.: Jan. 10 - March 28, 11 a.m.
Thurs.: Jan. 12 - March 30, 11 a.m.
Sat.: Jan. 14 - April 1, 10 a.m.

After school explorers

Grades 1 - 3
Tues.: Jan. 10 - March 28
After school; registration required.
Unwind after school with a variety of games, tech toys, crafts and a snack.

After school crew

Grades 4 - 5
Thurs.: Jan. 12 - March 30
After school; registration required.
Unwind after school with a variety of games, tech toys, crafts and a snack.

Special storytime

Tree tale tellers

Family, all ages

G Geauga West: Wed., April 5, 4 p.m.

B Bainbridge: Thurs., April 20, 10 a.m.

The Holden Arboretum will present tree related storytime and fun activities.

C Chardon ● 440-285-7601

Baby storytime

Birth - 18 months, with caregiver
Mon.: Jan. 16 - March 20, 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Jan. 18 - March 22, 9:30 a.m.

Baby / toddler storytime

Birth - 2 years, with caregiver
Thurs. Jan. 19 - March 23, 9:30 a.m.

Toddler storytime

18 months - 3 years, with caregiver
Tues.: Jan. 17 - March 21, 6:30 p.m.
Wed.: Jan. 18 - March 22, 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

Preschool storytime

3 - 5 years, independent attendance while parent remains in building
Mon.: Jan. 16 - March 20, 10:30 a.m.
Wed.: Jan. 18 - March 22, 6:30 p.m.
Thurs.: Jan. 19 - March 23, 9:30 a.m.

Family storytime

All ages
Thurs.: Jan. 19 - March 23, 11 a.m.

Storytime Programs and Classes



G Geauga West ● 440-729-4250

Registration is required, and starts Dec. 15.
Winter session, Jan. 16 - Feb. 23
Spring session, March 13 - April 27
No storytimes, March 26 - April 1

Baby storytime
 Birth - 18 months, with caregiver
 Wed.: 9:30 - 10 a.m. or 10:30 - 11 a.m.
 Thurs.: 10 - 10:30 a.m.
 Lapsit storytime for babies and caregivers, followed by playtime.

Toddler storytime
 18 months - 3 years, with caregiver
 Mon.: 6:30 - 7 p.m.
 Tues.: 9:30 - 10 a.m. or 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Preschool storytime
 3 - 5 years
 Wed.: Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. or 4 p.m.

Trailblazers
 K - second grade
 Mon.: 6:30 p.m.
 Enjoy fun stories and activities that encourage a lifelong reading adventure.

Third-grade Thursdays
 Grade 3
 Thurs.: 6 - 6:45 p.m.
 Just for third graders: Improve reading skills with a mix of fiction, nonfiction, fun and snacks.



M Middlefield ● 440-632-1961

Baby storytime
 Birth - 18 months, with caregiver
 Wed.: Jan. 18 - April 19, 11 a.m.

Toddler storytime
 18 months - 2 years, with caregiver
 Tues.: Jan. 17 - Apr. 18, 10 a.m.
 Thurs.: Jan. 19 - April 20, 11 a.m.

Preschool storytime
 3 - 5 years
 Wed.: Jan. 18 - Apr. 19, 10 a.m.
 Thurs.: Jan. 19 - Apr. 20, 10 a.m.

Family storytime
 All ages
 Mon.: Jan. 16 - Apr. 17, 7 p.m.
 Tues.: Jan. 17 - Apr. 18, 10 a.m.



Tinkerlabs
 3 - 5 years
 This series of playful programs encourages tinkering, curiosity and creativity.
 Fridays: 10 a.m.
 Jan. 13: Storybook sensory bins
 Feb. 10: The five senses
 Mar. 10: Marvelous mud
 Apr. 28: Beep, beep, vroom

N Newbury ● 440-564-7552

Storytime
 Birth - 5 years
 Mon.: Jan. 16 - Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Mon.: Mar. 13 - April 24, 10:30 a.m.

T Thompson ● 440-298-3831

Preschool storytime
 3 - 5 years
 Enjoy stories and crafts.
 Mon.: Feb. 6 - March 27, 10:30 a.m.
 Wed.: Feb. 8 - March 29, 10:30 a.m.

C Chardon ● 440-285-7601

Special storytimes

Play and learn storytime
 Families with children up to age five enjoy a 45-minute session with the newest educational and scientific toys. Each session will start with a brief introduction by a Geauga children's health professional on family topics.
 Fridays: 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.
 Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 7

Preschool storytime with grandparents
 Birth - 5 years, with grandparent
 Wed., May 10, 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., May 11, 10 a.m.
 Let's bridge the generation gap with stories, songs and rhymes - especially for the young at heart.

Fun with Duplos
 Ages 2 - 6
 Tues., April 18, 6:30 p.m.
 Wed., April 19, 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., April 20, 10 a.m.
 Preschoolers are invited to listen to Duplo and Lego stories and then build their own creations with the library's Duplos.

Puppet show
 Family, all ages
 Mon., Apr. 3, 7 p.m. or Tues., Apr. 4, 10 a.m.
 Enjoy 40 minutes of fun with puppets, stories and songs.

Youth and Family Programs and Classes

All programs are one hour, and require registration unless noted.

January

Winter reading contest

B Grades 5 and younger
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Dec. 29, 2016 - March 4, 2017
Kids earn a paper snowflake for every library program they attend or for every five library items they check out.

Wild in winter

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
January - all month
Learn about the animals that scurry around in snowy conditions and how to care for the creatures that visit your yard. Decorate a winter bookmark and enter our "for the birds" raffle.

JanUbeary

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
January - all month
Come celebrate "JanUbeary!" Explore our teddy bear display in January. Spot your favorite bear and tell us about it. Color a teddy bear bookmark and select your favorite bear story.

Hail to the chief

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Mon., Jan. 2, all day
Let's celebrate the highest office in our country by recognizing presidents of the past and our newly inaugurated. Test your knowledge of our presidents, find out fun facts, and do a simple craft.

Homeschool hub: Art school

M Grades K - 12
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Thursdays: 1 p.m.
Explore and create modern art and expressionism by learning from the masters.
Jan. 5: Kandinsky and the study of color, shape and emotion
Feb. 2: Seurat and the study of color and pointillism
March 16: Jackson Pollock and action painting
April 6: Matisse and the art of collage



Pizza and pages

B Grades 4 - 5
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Thursdays: 3:30 p.m. Registration required.
Jan 26: *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
Feb. 23: *Compass South* by Hope Larson
March 23: *The Seventh Wish* by Kate Messner
April 27: *Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin
A book club for students in grades 4-5 who like talking about middle-grade books and eating pizza.



Improv workshop

B Grades 4-5
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Wed., Jan. 11, 3:30 p.m.
Learn the tools of theatrical improvisation through collaboration with the Chagrin Valley Little Theater.

It's for the birds

G Grades K - 5
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Thurs., Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
Learn to make unusual bird feeders to help keep our feathered winter friends happy.



Reading to Rover

B Grades K - 3
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Sat., Jan. 14, 11 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.
Practice reading out loud to a registered therapy dog.

Recycled robots

M Grades K - 5
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., Jan. 18, 4 p.m.
Create robots from recycled cans.



Under the waves

C Grades 3 - 5
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Jan. 19, 4 p.m.
The oceans and ponds around us team

with life. Explore aquatic plants and animals and enjoy related games, crafts and a snack.

Family movie night

M Family, all ages
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Fri., Jan. 20, 6 p.m.
Join us for popcorn and a movie. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call library for movie selection.

Winter birds

C Grades K - 2
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Jan 26, 4 p.m.
Learn how local birds survive the long, cold winter. Create a pinecone seed treat and your own bird ID booklet.

Super Sunday sock hop

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sun., Jan. 29, 2 p.m.
Join us as we rock around the clock and jitterbug away the winter chill. Please bring a new pair of cozy socks to donate to WomenSafe.

February



Stor-Y-oga

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Thurs., Feb. 9, 7 p.m.
Enjoy a relaxing hour of yoga and stories with Barbara Paulett-Long, occupational therapist and certified kids' yoga teacher. Our story and craft will focus on love for Valentine's Day. Please bring a yoga mat or a beach towel.

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Backwards party

G Grades K - 5
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Thurs., Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

Back into a rollicking good time at the library. We will start at the end and finish with the beginning.

Crack the code

M Grades K - 5
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Tues., Feb. 21, 4 p.m.

Play games and activities to make a computer game.



LEGO mania

M Family, all ages
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., Feb. 22, 6 p.m.

Join us for an hour of construction with library LEGOS.

Catch the wind

C Grades K - 2
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Feb. 23, 4 p.m.

Harness the wind with pinwheels, windsocks, streamers, flutter kites, bubbles and more. Make a decorative windsock to take home.

Fun and easy origami

C Grades 3 - 5
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., Feb. 25, 10 a.m. - noon

Drop-in program: Gain basic paper-folding techniques to make useful and decorative items. All materials provided.

March

March on dinosaurs

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
March - all month

Dinosaurs will be on display the month of March. Stomp your way in to experience the fun. Dinosaur

books and activity sheets add to the amusement.

All things Seuss

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
March - all month
"Hop on Pop" down to Geauga West for a Dr. Seuss display. Seuss books, trivia, activities await. Enter to win an "all things Seuss" prize.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

M Family, all ages
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Thursday, March 2, 4 p.m.
Help us celebrate this beloved children's author with stories, snacks and fun activities.

Bainbridge bicentennial: Bainbridge birthday party

B Family, all ages
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Sat., Mar. 4, 2 p.m.
Bring the whole family to celebrate Bainbridge's 200th birthday with a party including cake, games and a craft.



Sunday with art

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sun., March 5, 2 p.m.
View work from local budding artists at this art show opening. All throughout the library, student art will be displayed. Refreshments.

Fun with LEGOS

C Grades K - 5
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Mon., March 6, 7 p.m.
What can you make with LEGOS? One hour of free play with library LEGOS. Children may attend with or without parent.

Daring, dangerous and dynamite

M Grades K - 5
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Tues., Mar. 14, 4 p.m.
We'll have some jam-packed fun with

essential childhood skills from *The Dangerous Book for Boys* and *The Daring Book for Girls*.

Distinguished deities

C Grades 3 - 5
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Mar. 16, 4 p.m.

You may have heard of Zeus and Athena, but what about the lesser known Horus, Freya, and Quetzalcoatl? Discover myths and legends of gods and goddesses from around the world.

Magic School Bus book party

G Grades K - 5
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Thurs., March 16, 7 p.m.
"Take chances, make mistakes, get messy" will be our theme as we celebrate the magic of Miss Frizzle and her crazy, educational school bus and classroom. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we'll focus on the book *Magic School Bus Makes a Rainbow*. Books, crafts and snacks.

Johnnycakes and maple syrup

C Families with children grades 1 - 12
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., Mar. 18, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about pioneer cooking in Geauga County. Try your hand at grinding corn, making butter, and taste delicious johnnycakes with real maple syrup.



Mini-Golf

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sun., March 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Join the Geauga County Library Foundation for its annual fundraiser where families can "putter a round" in the library. We've got an 18-hole

Youth and Family Programs and Classes

indoor putt-putt course. For only \$5 per person, you can enjoy a full round of mini-golf, face painting, the sheriff's K-9 unit, and pose with Slider to get in the spirit of the Cleveland Indians' upcoming season. More attractions to be added.

Egg-stravaganza

C Grades K - 2
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., March 23, 4 p.m.

Try "eggs-periments," play egg games, learn about creatures hatched from eggs, listen to egg stories, hunt for hidden eggs, and decorate an egg treat.

Do the dinosaur stomp

G Grades K - 5
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Wed., March 29, 7 p.m.

Stomp on down to get-in-the-know about dinosaurs. Learn what's new about creatures of long ago. Activities, crafts and snacks.

Spring break movie

C Grades K - older
Chardon 440-285-7601

Thursday March 30, 1 - 3 p.m.
While school's out, join us for a kid-friendly movie with cartoons. Title will be released March 1. Popcorn provided.

April

Bunnies, bunnies, bunnies

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
April - all month

Bunnies are invading the display case. Spot your favorite and tell us about it for a sticker. Make a bookmark and learn the bunny hop.

Bugs galore

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
April - all month

Explore the tiny world of insects. Try hands-on activities and worksheets to get close to these useful creatures. Enter to win a fun bug box so you can be a better bug inspector.

Celebrate penguins

G Grades K - 5
Geauga West,
440-729-4250
Thurs., April 6, 7 p.m.
Wear black and white to celebrate these tuxoed birds. Stories, games,



crafts and a treat for you. Don't miss the fun.

Wonderful word games

C Grades 3 - 5
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., April 8, 11 a.m.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, join us for games involving words and wordplay - including Apples to Apples and Mad Libs. Snacks.

Boredom buster

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Grades K - 3: Tues., April 11, 2 p.m.
Grades 4 - 5: Thurs., April 13, 2 p.m.
Beat spring break boredom by playing games, making crafts and snacks.

Pokemon party

M Grades K - 5
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Tues., April 11, 4 p.m.

Join us for some fun Pokemon-themed activities.



A little magic

C Grades K - 2
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., April 20, 4 p.m.

Try some science magic tricks. Learn some tricks of your own to take home and amaze friends and family.

Insect extravaganza

G Grades K - 5
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Thurs., April 20, 7 p.m.

By land, sea and air, insects are everywhere. A Geauga Park Naturalist will help us discover the world of insects and other bugs, and learn which ones we can't live without.

Escape the room

B Grades 4 - 5
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Fri., April 28, 7 p.m. After-hours program.

Discover hidden clues, solve puzzles and use your powers of logic to find a way out. Pizza provided for the escapees.



Reading to Rover

B Grades K - 3
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Sat., April 29, 11 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.
Practice reading out loud to a registered therapy dog.

Meet Pete the Cat

Family, all ages

M Middlefield, 440-632-1961;
Sat., April 29, 10 a.m.

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250;
Sun., April 30, 2 p.m.

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611,
Sat., May 6, 10 a.m.

C Chardon, 440-285-7601, Sun.,
May 7, 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy stories, songs and a photo opportunity with a life-size Pete the Cat costume character. Registration required at Chardon and Geauga West.

May



It's all about moms in May

G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
May 1 - 14

Stop in the Geauga West library and make a special pop-up card and bookmark for that special lady in your life. Don't forget to enter her name into our raffle for a special spa delight basket designed just for her.

May the fourth

B Grades K - 5
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611

Thurs., May 4, 3:30 p.m.
Join us on the holiest of geek days for *Star Wars* themed fun.

Teen Programs and Classes

All programs are for grades 6 - 12 and require registration unless noted.

Teen makerspace series

M Grades 5 - 12
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wednesday afternoons
Enjoy an hour of creating, tinkering and invention. Pizza will be provided to help fuel your creativity. Sessions begin at 1 p.m., unless noted.



Jan. 11: Life size games, 1 p.m.
Feb. 1: Snowball launcher, 1 p.m.
Feb. 8: Wacky wallets, 3 p.m.
Feb. 15: Anti-Valentine's party, 1 p.m.
Mar. 1: Coffee and karaoke, 1 p.m.
Mar. 8: Minecraft madness, 1 p.m.
Mar. 15: Makey makey cool stuff, 3 p.m.

Mar. 22: Locker magnets, 1 p.m.
Apr. 5: Pokemon Go, 3 p.m.
Apr. 26: Recycled art, 1 p.m.
May 3: Painting with the Sphero, 1 p.m.
May 10: Travel games, 1 p.m.
May 17: Wii dance party, 1 p.m.

Pizza and panels book club

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
This book club is for teens who like discussing graphic novels and eating pizza.

Fri., Jan. 27, 3:30 p.m.
Nimona by Noelle Stevenson
Fri., Feb 24, 3:30 p.m.
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: The Underground Abductor by Nathan Hale
Fri., March 24, 3:30 p.m.
The Sleeper and the Spindle by Neil Gaiman
Fri., April 21, 3:30 p.m.
Battling Boy by Paul Pope



January

Tabletop games

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Fri., Jan. 13, 3:30 p.m.
Play board, strategy and trading card games. Feel free to bring your own games as well. Snacks.

Do you want to build an igloo?

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Mon., Jan. 23, 3:30 p.m.
While it's blustery outside, construct your own sugar cube igloo and decorate it with other sweets. Snacks and beverages.

Legends of the sun

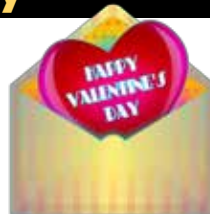
G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sun., Jan. 29, 2 p.m.
After a long dark winter, ancient people awaited the sun's warmth. Make a sun catcher to grab a piece

of the winter sun and enjoy some snacks.

February

Valentine makerspace

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Fri., Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m.
Low funds this Valentine's Day? Craft paper flowers and cards to spread some Valentine cheer.



Cubeecraft

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tues., Feb. 21, 3:30 p.m.
Enjoy geometric snacks and create pop culture characters using paper Cubeecraft folding techniques.

Coloring comes to life

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., Feb. 25, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Drop-in coloring program helps you destress and create with augmented reality on library techie devices. Color on iPads, tablets and more.

March

Bingo

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Fri., March 10, 7 p.m.
After-hours fun with this classic game and pizza. Prizes for winning cards and best "BINGO" outfits.

Bad art

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tues., March 14, 3:30 p.m.
Combine as many art and craft materials as you can to create

sculptures, collages, and paintings. Creativity, imagination, and the ability to laugh is a must.



Teen coffee house

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Mon., March 20, 3:30 p.m.
We'll provide the coffee, snacks, place, and art supplies. You and your friends bring the atmosphere and the fun.

April



Henna

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Fri., April 7, 3:30 p.m.
Decorate yourself with long-lasting henna ink. Materials provided by the library. Permission slips are required.

Letter and word art

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., April 8, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
In celebration of National Poetry Month, join us for a makerspace devoted to art made from letters and words. Materials and snacks provided.

Fun with Sharpies®

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sun., April 23, 2 p.m.
Enjoy some colorful snacks while exploring your creativity using Sharpies.

May

Relax with therapy dogs

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tues., May 23, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Finals got you stressed? Find comfort and relaxation while petting therapy dogs. Light refreshments. Sponsored by Reading to Rover.

Book Discussions

Reading and literary socializing go hand-in-hand at GCPL book discussions. Check out any of the following books at the library a few weeks in advance of the scheduled discussion and enjoy. We've got plenty of copies because we know we've got plenty of readers. Discussions are open to anyone who loves to read and share ideas.

B Bainbridge: Afternoons Mondays, 2 p.m.

Jan. 9	<i>The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry</i>	by Gabrielle Zevin
Feb. 13	<i>The Astronaut Wives Club</i>	by Lily Koppel
March 13	<i>Girl Waits With Gun</i>	by Amy Stewart
April 10	<i>Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things</i>	by Randy O. Frost

Bainbridge: Evenings Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Jan. 17	<i>The Art Forger</i>	by B.A. Shapiro
Feb. 21	<i>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i>	by Rachel Joyce
Mar. 21	<i>Orphan Train</i>	by Christina Baker Kline
April 18	<i>The Art of Racing in the Rain</i>	by Garth Stein

Forever young book club Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Join us for discussions about our favorite teen books and relive the angst and drama without having to go back to high school.

Jan. 18	<i>The Memory Book</i>	by Lara Avery
Feb. 15	<i>American Girls</i>	by Alison Uminger
Mar. 15	<i>Nimona</i>	by Noelle Stevenson
April 19	<i>Learning to Swear in America</i>	by Katie Kennedy

C Chardon Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Jan. 18	<i>Burial Rites</i>	by Hannah Kent
Feb. 15	<i>Everything I Never Told You</i>	by Celeste Ng
Mar. 15	<i>H is for Hawk</i>	by Helen MacDonald
April 19	<i>A Spool of Blue Thread</i>	by Anne Tyler

G Geauga West Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Jan. 4	<i>Where'd You Go, Bernadette?</i>	by Maria Semple
Feb. 1	<i>The Painted Girls</i>	by Cathy Marie Buchanan
Mar. 1	<i>Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy</i>	by Karen Abbott
April 5	<i>The Little Paris Bookshop</i>	by Nina George
May 3	<i>Dead Wake</i>	by Erik Larson

M Middlefield Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 12	<i>The Race Underground</i>	by Doug Most
Feb. 9	<i>The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls</i>	by Anton DiSclafani
Mar. 9	<i>Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening</i>	by Carol Wall
April 13	<i>The Rosie Project</i>	by Graeme Simsion

N Newbury Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 17	<i>Life of Pi</i>	by Yann Martel
Feb. 21	<i>Confession</i>	by John Grisham
Mar. 21	<i>Doc</i>	by Mary Doria Russell
April 18	<i>The Elegance of the Hedgehog</i>	by Muriel Barbery

T Thompson Sundays, 2 p.m.

Jan. 15	<i>The Night Sister</i>	by Jennifer McMahon
Feb. 19	<i>Homegoing</i>	by Yaa Gyasi
Mar. 19	<i>Rain Reign</i>	by Ann M. Martin
April 23	<i>Fortune Smiles</i>	by Adam Johnson
May 21	<i>Ordinary Grace</i>	by William Kent Krueger

Book Sales

Proceeds from book sales benefit each library's Friends' group, which you may join at your library. Membership dues are modest and help provide funding for programs, prizes and other library offerings. Our Friends support many events our patrons enjoy. Ask about joining. Memberships may be purchased at individual libraries.

B Bainbridge

Sponsored by the Bainbridge Women's Club and Bainbridge Friends of the Library book sale

Tues., May 9	4:30 – 6 p.m.	Members preview
	6 – 8:45 p.m.	Open to the public
Wed., May 10	9 a.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Open to the public
Thurs., May 11	9 a.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Open to the public
Fri., May 12	9 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Open to the public/ Bag day
Sat., May 13	9 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Open to the public/ Bag day*

C Chardon's Maple Festival book sale

Sponsored by the Chardon Friends of the Library

Thurs., April 27:	9 – 10 a.m.	Members preview
	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Open to public
Fri., April 28:	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Open to public
Sat., April 29:	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Open to public
Sun., April 30:	1 – 5 p.m.	Bag day

G Geauga West

Sponsored by the Geauga West Friends of the Library

Wed., March 1	4 – 6 p.m.	Members preview
	6 – 8:30 p.m.	Open to the public
Thurs., March 2	9 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Open to the public
Fri., March 3	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Open to the public
Sat., March 4	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Bag day

M Middlefield

Sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Library

Weekdays, Noon - 3 p.m.

When you are visiting the Middlefield Library, please stop in our Friends' Room and take a look at our ongoing book sale. You'll find great bargains and a friendly atmosphere.

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Visit the ongoing booksale during regular business hours at each of our library stations.



*Bag days allow shoppers to fill a grocery bag full of books at a super-low price.

Adult Programs and Classes

Programs require registration and run one hour unless noted.

Middlefield Senior Connection at GCPL

GCPL is proud to partner with the Middlefield Senior Center to offer exercise and various activities for people 60 and older at both of our locations. Register for these free programs by calling the Middlefield Senior Center at 440-632-0611.

Chair exercises for seniors

M Middlefield
Tuesdays: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 1:30 p.m.
Increase your range of motion, stability and strength. No equipment is necessary (some optional standing). Class is led by a certified instructor through the Geauga County Department on Aging.



Chair volleyball for seniors

M Middlefield
Thursdays: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Middlefield Senior Center teaches this fun upper-body workout. You'll be laughing so much that it won't even feel like exercise. Light snack.

Middlefield Library history speaker series

M Ironies of the Civil War
Middlefield Senior Center, 440-632-0611, 15820 Ridgewood Dr.
Wed., March 15, 10:30 a.m.
Discover the fascinating, ironic Civil War stories behind the intertwined lives of Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln and the Booth family, slavery in the South, the Lincoln funeral train car and the Lincoln Bible.

Tech @ Middlefield Senior Center: Facebook

M Middlefield Senior Center, 440-632-0611, 15820 Ridgewood Dr.
Tues., March 21, 1 - 3 p.m.
Want to see family pictures on Facebook but don't know where to start? This beginning class will help you navigate this popular site. Participants should have a Facebook account before taking this class.

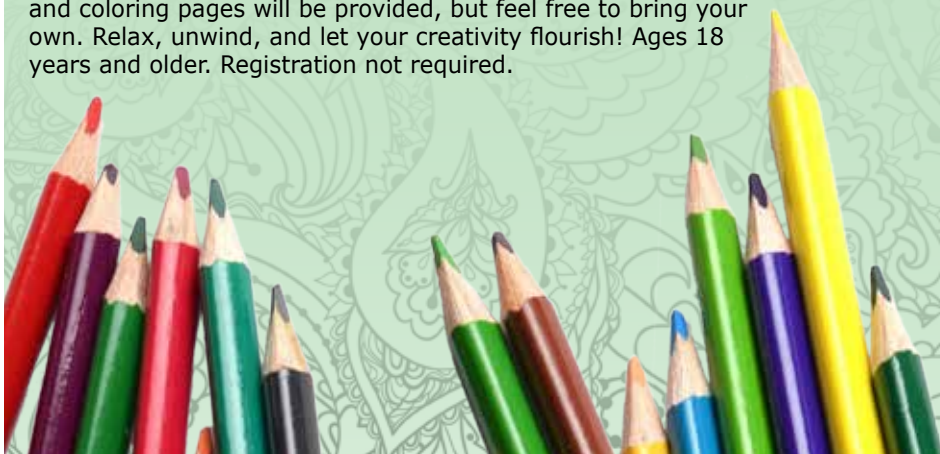
Gauga Department on Aging day

M Middlefield, 440-632-0611
Thurs., April 27, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Discover the services available to registered Geauga County seniors 60 and older including exercise classes, chore and home safety assistance, out-of-county medical transport, home delivered meals, daily lunch at various Senior Centers, travel, and much more. Middlefield Senior Center will provide a complimentary light lunch. Program held at GCPL's Middlefield Branch, but call Senior Center to register.

Adult coloring club

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Mondays: 7 p.m.
Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10

Looking to reduce your stress and rediscover a childhood art form? Join the latest craze: Coloring for adults. With intricate designs and patterns, these aren't your kids' coloring books. Light refreshments, colored pencils, crayons, and coloring pages will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Relax, unwind, and let your creativity flourish! Ages 18 years and older. Registration not required.



Writers gathering

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Wednesdays: 7 p.m.
Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, April 5

Writers, take part in a casual gathering with creators in all genres who are interested in sharing experiences, information and ideas. Both aspiring authors and seasoned veterans are welcome. Coffee and tea provided. Registration not required.

Adult Programs and Classes

January

Middlefield movie matinee

M Beat the winter blues with afternoon movies and fresh popcorn. Each month features a different theme. We'll kick off January by showcasing the stars. Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Thursdays
at 1 p.m.
Jan. 19 & 26
Feb. 9 & 16
Mar. 23 & 30



100 Book Challenge luncheon

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Fri., Jan. 20, noon

Are you one of the brave participants in the 100 Book Challenge? Meet your fellow contestants at our 100 Book Challenge luncheon.



Get ready for game day: Super Bowl appetizer party

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sat., Jan. 21, 2 - 4 p.m.
Bring your favorite game-day appetizer and its recipe. We'll taste new treats and old favorites and swap recipes.

Selections from *Anything Goes* by the Geauga Lyric Theater

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sun., Jan. 22, 2 p.m.
Enjoy songs from the musical. Fun for all ages. Registration not required.

Game night for grownups

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Wed., Jan. 25, 7 p.m.
Connect with friends over cards, classic board games and trivia (bring your favorites) and snacks. Plan on an evening of socializing.

Bainbridge bicentennial: Cheese tasting

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Sat., Jan. 28, 2 p.m.
Experience a piece of this early Bainbridge industry and taste cheeses offered by the Rothenbuhler Cheese Chalet.

Board game day

M Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Sat., Jan. 28, 2 p.m.
Enjoy a fun filled afternoon of playing old-fashioned board games.



U.F.O. (unfinished object) night

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tues., Jan. 31, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Have a creative project you've been meaning to finish? Bring your knitting, painting, sketching, quilting, etc. and dedicate time to finishing a project in good company. Snacks provided.

February

Paint and sip

G 21 and older
Gauga West, 440-729-4250
Fri., Feb. 3, 7 p.m.
Create a painting while enjoying a glass of wine. Materials provided.

Iris folding cards

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Mon., Feb. 6, 7 p.m.
An evening of iris folding. Phyllis Knapp will guide us in creating a beautiful card for your special valentine.

Cleveland Beer: History & Revival in the Rust Belt

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Tues., Feb. 7, 7 p.m.
Leslie Basalla-McCaffery and Peter Chakerian, the authors of *Cleveland Beer: History & Revival in the Rust Belt*, discuss the ups and downs of the Cleveland beer industry. Cleveland's beer industry has now made the city a craft brewing hotspot. Books will be available to purchase.

Romantic comedy matinee

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Wed., Feb. 8, 2 p.m.
Celebrate Valentine's Day early with a classic romantic comedy. Refreshments.

Bainbridge bicentennial: The history of valentines

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Thurs., Feb. 9, 7 p.m.
Phyllis Cettomai will share her antique valentine collection and the history and significance of the valentine in our culture.

Scrapbook crop

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Fri., Feb. 10, 6 p.m.
Bring projects to work on after hours and away from distractions of home.

Padding with sharks: The 99-mile Everglades Wilderness Waterway

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., Feb. 11, 1 p.m.
How do you camp where there's virtually no dry land? Find out with Bruce Bennett of the Shutterbugs Photography Club. He'll share his canoe trip through 99 miles of saltwater mangrove from Everglades City to Flamingo with fabulous photographs from this adventure.

All-occasion card class

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sun., Feb. 12, 1:15 - 4 p.m.
Open to beginners and experienced crafters. Make cards for birthday, anniversary and sympathy. \$10 fee.

Financial education workshop

B Bainbridge
440-543-5611
Thurs., Feb. 23, 6 - 8 p.m.
Presented by The Ohio State University Extension and Geauga County Job and Family Services.

First session:
communicating about money,
tracking spending,
identifying spending leaks,
and organizing valuable papers.



Thurs., March 9, 6 - 8 p.m.

Second session: Learn about setting up a budget, establishing credit, repairing your credit, understanding your credit report, credit card debt, and protection from identity theft.

Adult Programs and Classes

Learn to sharpen knives and tools

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Feb. 23, 6:45 p.m.
People have been sharpening things since humans learned how to chip flint. A dull tool requires its user to work harder, does a poor job and is dangerous. Learn how to sharpen blades with Dick Cryberg.

March

Write your life story

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., Mar. 4, 10 a.m.
Sunny Morton, genealogy professional and author of *Story of My Life: A Workbook for Preserving Your Legacy*, instructs on writing engaging personal histories and the anatomy of a good story. You'll learn how to bring vague, old memories to the surface and freshen them up. Books will be available for purchase.

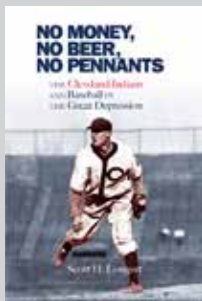
Travel affordably with Joe the Coupon Guy

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Wed., March 8, 7 p.m.
Joe will show you how to save on flights, car rentals, hotels, bus and train transportation, restaurants, international travel, entertainment and cruises. Learn how to travel to Chicago from Cleveland for \$2 round-trip, find 7-day cruises for as little as \$199, find the best flights, deals, and much more.

No Money, No Beer, No Pennants

- C** Chardon, 440-285-7601 / Thurs., March 9, 7 p.m.
- M** Middlefield, 440-632-1961 / Wed., April 12, 7 p.m.
- B** Bainbridge, 440-543-5611 / Thurs., May 18, 7 p.m.

Just in time for the new season, baseball historian Scott Longert will discuss his recent book *No Money, No Beer, No Pennants: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Great Depression*.



Learn about the fortunes of the Cleveland Indians during one of the worst economic times in American history. Books available for purchase.

Sew wonderful pillowcases

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., Mar. 11, 1-2:30 p.m.
Want to learn a fun and easy way to make wonderfully unique pillow cases? They make great gifts for all ages and occasions. Bring your sewing machine if you have one. Complete instructions and supply list provided.

Celtic harp concert

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Sun., March 12, 2 p.m.
Enjoy the sounds of the Irish played by the Northeast Ohio Harpers.

Keeping bees

M Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Thurs., March 16, 7 p.m.
To be a successful beekeeper, timing helps maximize honey yields and maintain healthy colonies. Wild honey bees respond to seasons and the flora. Geauga beekeeper Dale Olson will talk about the life cycle of bees and what is affecting them in the 21st century.

Benefits of dogs for the elderly

M Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Sat., Mar. 18, 3 p.m.
Alan Graham, a pet pals volunteer with UH Geauga Medical Center, and his dog Shawn will discuss benefits of dog ownership for seniors. Pets help reduce stress, lower blood pressure, increase social interaction, encourage physical activity and more.



Garden smarter

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., March 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Dawn Cryberg will share her expertise on gardening smarter with less effort. Drop in and attend as your time permits.

April

National Poetry Month kickoff: Fooling around with poetry

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., April 1, 1 - 4 p.m.
T.S. Eliot wrote that "April is the cruellest month," a line so on point that we now honor it by holding National Poetry Month every April. We also kick April off with April Fool's Day. These two things are not unrelated. Join Patrick Culliton (MFA, author of *Sam's Teeth*), for discussion and creation of poems with a focus on play, or "fooling around," and how this approach can open poetic doors. This program is intended for adults, but interested teens are also welcome.

national poetry month



Look, lunch and listen


G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Wednesdays: April 5, 12, 19, 26
Noon - 1 p.m.
Bring a lunch and enjoy an entertaining program each week. Coffee provided. Sponsored by the Geauga West Friends of the Library.

Making the most of your money


M Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., April 5, 7 p.m.
April is National Financial Literacy Month. Melissa Shirk will explore budgeting basics and investment vehicles.

Adult Programs and Classes


Photographing people in natural settings: A portraiture primer

 Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., April 6, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Learn the techniques employed in capturing subjects in their natural environment, including backgrounds and surroundings, making good use of available light and more.

Friends of Bainbridge Library annual meeting


 21 and older
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Fri., Apr. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Sample bourbon offered by Tom's Foolery Distillery. Learn about the bourbon-making process and become a member of the Friends of Bainbridge Library.

Farewell to Arms book discussion


 Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tues., April 11, 7 p.m.
In preparation for June's *A Moveable Feast* Hemingway event, read and discuss one of his most popular novels. We will be celebrating Ernest Hemingway's birthday July 21 with a moveable feast of food and fun at Orchard Hills Park in Chesterland. Vintage 1920s attire is encouraged. Find more information in the summer *Lines & Links*.



Medicare 101

 Chardon, 440-285-7601
Wed., Apr. 12, 7 p.m.
This is an introductory overview of Medicare for those new to Medicare or those want to help a family member or friend. Topics include: Medicare Parts A, B, C, D and Medicare Supplementals. Presented by the Geauga County Department of Aging.


Reflexology workshop

 Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Tues., April 18, 7 p.m.
This hands-on workshop explains and demonstrates the hows and whys of reflexology. Presented by


Mary T. Landis, Ingham Method certified reflexologist, from Living Well Massage and Bodyworks in Middlefield.




Bainbridge bicentennial: Lowe's presents Begonias and back-to-basics gardening

 Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Wed., April 19, 7 p.m.
Easy tips for gardening success. Learn about growing plants from seed, preparing the garden, healthy soil and more.

Hill and dale: Why the shape of Geauga's landscape?


 Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Apr. 20, 7 p.m.
Gauga Park District Naturalist Dan Best introduces the "ups and downs" of Geauga County's bedrock and glacial geology for a greater understanding of the character of Geauga's hilly landscape. Samples of local fossil types will be displayed as well.

UFOs: The truth is out there

 Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Sat., April 22, 1 p.m.
Are we alone in the universe? Chris Parsons of the Mutual UFO Network will discuss his research.




Chardon Friends of the Library tea


 Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sun., April 23, 2 p.m.
The annual Friends tea features Dan

Ruminski presenting stories of the famous and infamous women of Cleveland's Millionaire's Row.

Does shape matter? Food and your organs

 Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Mon., April 24, 6 p.m.
Many foods resemble the body part it benefits. Learn about doctrine of signatures and how to use food as medicine. Some of these hidden gems will truly amaze you.

Celebrate Arbor Day

 Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Mon., April 24, 6:30 p.m.
Discover the history of Arbor Day and its impact. Master gardener Casey Judd will discuss Ohio's native trees.


May



Road Scholar

 Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., May 10, 7 p.m.
Jerry Polizzi, Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) ambassador, will discuss "Adventures in Lifelong Learning" travel programs including domestic and international tours, intergenerational programs, outdoor activities, train treks, service learning, private group charters, cruises, and workshop skills programs. The not-for-profit Road Scholar organization focuses on "learning, not touring" and provides stimulating and fun adventures for adults of all ages.

Normandy invasion

 Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tues., May 23, 7 p.m.
Living history reenactor Peter Booth describes combat action in France during the Normandy invasion. Military memorabilia from this era will be on display.

Digital Discoveries and Computer Classes

Registration required unless noted. Most classes are limited to 10 people.

Ongoing library eBooks and eReaders support

All locations, ongoing
Schedule an appointment at any GCPL location to learn how to use your devices to enjoy digital library materials. Audiobooks, eBooks, music, movies, television shows, magazines and graphic novels are yours - for free - with your GCPL card, a device and an internet connection.



B Bainbridge ● 440-543-5611

Getting to know your iPhone

Thurs., March 23, 6:30 p.m.
The iPhone is a world of possibility, but can also seem overwhelming. Discover the full potential by digging into system settings and Apps. Learn to use your iPhone to get things done.

Working with Windows 10

Thurs., April 13, 6:30 p.m.
Ease the transition to Windows 10 and learn how to make the most out of the new features. Feel free to bring your Windows 10 laptop, or borrow one of ours.

C Chardon ● 440-285-7601

How do I...? Your digital library

Tues., Jan 17, 2 p.m. OR 7 p.m.
Did you know that with just your library card and internet access, you can download (and keep!) full-color, interactive magazines? Or that you can stream movies, TV shows audiobooks and CDs? You can do all of that and much more. Explore the Geauga County Public Library available to you outside of our branch walls via your device.

Lynda.com and library databases

Mon., Feb. 6, 7 p.m.
Have you met lynda.com? This amazing new resource is an online video library that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills.



Working with Windows 10

Wed., March 22, 7 p.m.
See Bainbridge description for information.

G Geauga West ● 440-729-4250

Introduction to Publisher 2013

Wed., January 25, 7 p.m.
Learn basics to create flyers, posters and invitations.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wed., March 15, 7 p.m.
Learn the basic skills of this Microsoft Office spreadsheet program.

Working with Windows 10

Wed., April 19, 7 p.m.
See Bainbridge description for information.

M Middlefield ● 440-632-1961

Introduction to computers A: Computer basics for Windows 10

Thurs., Feb. 9, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Little or no computer experience? Learn basic computer operations, Windows navigation, and files and folders.

Introduction to computers B: Internet basics

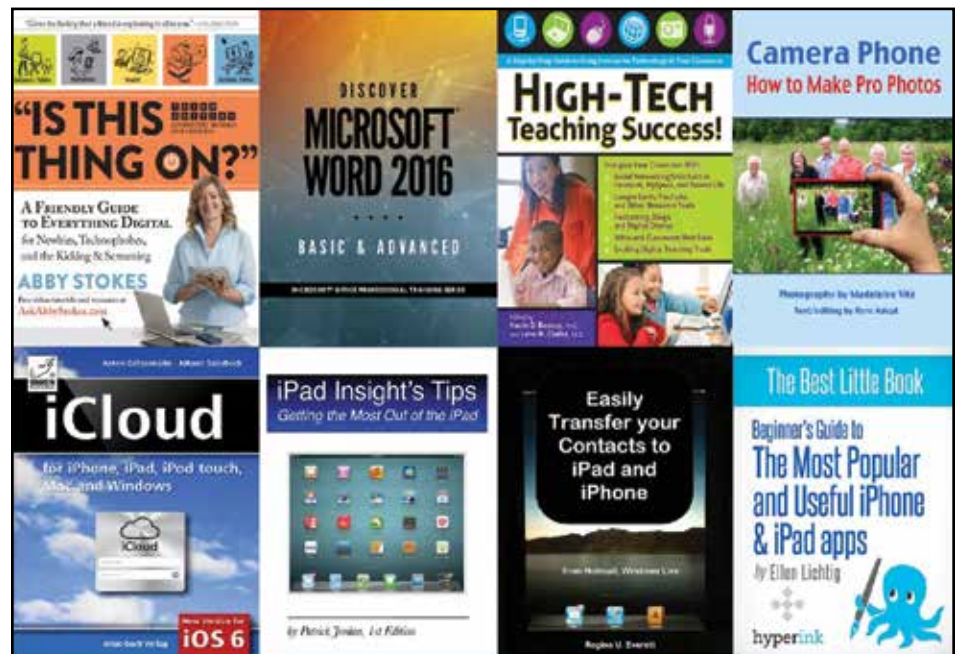
Thurs., Feb. 16, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Discover what the Internet has to offer. Learn browser basics, surfing the web, internet safety, and basic search skills.

Introduction to computers C: Intermediate computer and search skills

Thurs., Feb. 23, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Ready to move beyond the basics? This class covers copy-and-paste, flash drives, maps, and more.

Smarter searching: Separating fact from fiction on the internet

Thurs., March 2, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Can you believe everything you find on the Internet or see on Facebook? Uncover ways to search smarter and find authoritative resources.



Instantly borrow free digital audiobooks, eBooks, music, videos, and comics, 24/7 with your library card.

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Genealogy

Registration required unless noted.

Birth and death records prior to 1908

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Tues., Mar. 28, 6:30 p.m.
Official records were not mandated nationwide until 1908. Some states kept records sooner. However, if your ancestor's state wasn't keeping track, you can learn which other records to search.



Analyzing census records and using genealogy software

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sat., April 1, 2 - 5 p.m.
A two-part, hands-on computer class. Learn to analyze your ancestor's census information, column by column. At the end of this session, you will have a plan for other records to search.

Learn to use free, downloadable software to create your family tree.

Basic computer skills are necessary. To create the family tree and to research,

Geauga County Genealogical Society

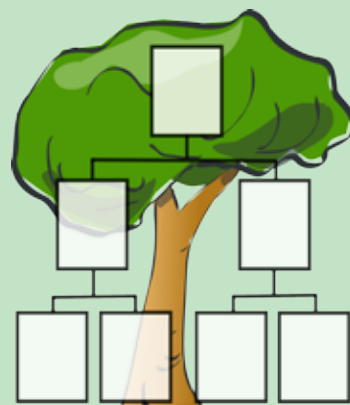
C The Geauga County Genealogical Society (GCGS) meets in the Bostwick Room of the Chardon Library with new and informative topics.

Come to the HELP Line

Tues., March 14, 7 p.m.
This hands-on gathering explores research. Having trouble with a pedigree chart? Looking for new research ideas? Bring your laptop, your notes or your problem.

Creating a worthwhile genealogy

Tues., April 11, 7 p.m.
Jean Hoffman, Certified Genealogist, lecturer and blogger will present pointers on how a worthwhile genealogy can be accomplished. Will you be working on a jumble of notes and half-finished projects, or heading towards something your family will appreciate?



bring a name or names of ancestors and the birth, death and marriage dates and places you already know. Bring a flash drive to save your family tree.

Introduction to genealogy

B Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Thurs., Apr. 6, 6:30 p.m.
Learn about genealogy charts, documenting sources and finding records. No computer skills required.

Making a timeline of your ancestor's life

M Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., May 3, 6:30 p.m.

Create a timeline of your ancestor's life using census records, city directories, historical maps and other records.



Geauga County Bulletin Board

Good Deeds Program

Wednesdays: March 8 and 22, 7 p.m.
(Office open at 6 p.m.)

Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
(Office open at 9:30 a.m.)

Location: Courtroom A of the Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court, on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse Annex

Geauga County Recorder Sharon C. Gingerich, Probate/Juvenile Court Judge Tim Grendell, and local attorneys offer a deed review program called The Good Deeds Program to help Geauga County residents better understand probate issues regarding property transfers. Clerk of Courts Denise Kaminski will also be present to discuss titles for cars and mobile homes.

The Program is a volunteer deed review process for Geauga County homeowners. It is a county-wide effort to help Geauga residents (1) identify whether the form of their present deed will require transfer through the

Probate Court upon death, and (2) to consider less expensive and less time-consuming alternatives to a probate transfer.

The Recorder's Office will open an hour prior to each program to allow residents to obtain copies of their deeds. After the presentation, attorneys will be available to privately discuss your estate matters. Light refreshments will be served.

Please note: if County Offices are closed due to weather issues, the program will be cancelled. If the weather is threatening, please call the Court or the Recorder prior to 4 p.m. to confirm. If the Saturday program is cancelled, the information will be on WKYC. See contact information below.

For further information, contact Sharon C. Gingerich, Geauga County Recorder, at (440) 279-2021 or recorder@co.geauga.oh.us; or Cheryl Koncler, Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court, at (440) 279-1840 or ckoncler@geaugacourts.org.

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United Way Services
of Geauga County



No matter what phase of parenting you are in, we invite you to explore available workshops, counseling and mentoring opportunities. To learn more about these or other community resources, call United Way's 211 help line by simply dialing 211, 24 hours a day/7 days a week or chat online at 211OH.org.

FEATURED CLASSES:

Peaceful parenting - Learn strategies for everyday parenting dilemmas for a fun, peaceful family life. Parents of children from birth - 17 years
OSU Extension Office, 470 Center St., Bldg. 5, Chardon, 440-834-4656

Cooperative parenting - If you are recently divorced or if you face challenges pertaining to raising children without a spouse, consider Family Pride's cooperative parenting. This class provides tools to effectively and successfully co-parent (parents no longer living together).
Family Pride, 695 South Street, Chardon, 440-286-1553

Empowered parent program - For anyone who has experienced domestic violence, this one-on-one program helps clients in their preferred community locations. Program lasts one to two years depending on need. Evidenced-based family wellness curriculum includes practice skills in real-life situations. Call WomenSafe to schedule: 440-286-7154 ext. 237

Help Me Grow provides

services that promote children's growth and development while supporting families during the important early years of a child's life. How Help Me Grow serves pregnant women and families with children from birth - three years:

- Prenatal visits
- Developmental screenings
- Answer concerns about your child's development
- Help in locating services for children with special needs
- Support and education
- Links to helpful community resources

For more information, call 440-729-5250 or 866-975-1100. Visit www.geaugaffc.org/helpmegrow
Geauga Help Me Grow is funded by Geauga Family First Council & Ohio Department of Health with the Early Childhood & Home Visitation Program component funded by Geauga County Job & Family Services.



Additional services

Benefit enrollment: Free assistance

The United Way's Aging and Disability Resource Center offers benefits enrollment assistance to consumers for benefits including SSI, SSDI, SNAP, Medicare, Medicaid and others. United Way's staff can also assist with the application process for these benefits. For information call 440-285-2261.



Free educational seminars are offered on topics including orthopedics, surgical weight loss, cardiovascular health, diabetes self management, smoking cessation and women's health. Learn more at UHGeauga.org. All programs at UH Geauga Medical Center unless otherwise noted.

Seidman Cancer Center at UH Geauga Medical Center Education Series

Free education, screenings, and support groups are offered each month. Call 440-285-6251 for more information.

Digestive Health Institute

Join us for a new patient information session. If you are interested in weight loss surgery at University Hospitals Digestive Health Institute's Bariatric

Surgery & Nutrition Center, please attend free, new patient info sessions. Visit www.uhhospitals.org/weightloss for dates and times or to watch online.

Look who's coming to dinner

Take control of your health with these free seminars held the third Tuesday of each month. Dinner at 4:30 p.m., guest speaker at 5 p.m. To register call 440-214-3180.

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LEAF: Lake/Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation

8221 Auburn Road
Concord, Ohio 44077-9786
440-358-8045
www.leaf-ohio.org

LEAF is a non-profit college access agency connecting individuals to their best-fit college and careers. Sessions are free and last 60 - 90 minutes. Please reserve a seat at www.leaf-ohio.org. LEAF strongly recommends parents and guardians attend the sessions with their student(s).

Senior session

Wed., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the college experience. When will bills arrive? What departments will you deal with? Is graduation in four years still possible??

Junior session: Conducting a campus visit

Wed., Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m.

What questions should you ask and who should you talk to when visiting a college campus?

Junior session: Junior jumpstart

Wednesdays: Feb. 15, March 1, 6:30 p.m.

Hear about the college application process—how and

when to apply for admissions and financial aid. A recommended timeline for your senior year will be presented.

Senior session: Loans

Wednesdays: March 15 and 22, 6:30 p.m.

Not sure how to fill the gap between your financial aid and college bill? Learn about applying for loans.

Freshmen session

Sat., April 29, 10 a.m.

What can freshmen do to prepare for college? What opportunities are available for underclassmen?

Geauga County Job and Family Services

Summer camp and enrichment program

Geauga County Job and Family Service's summer camp and enrichment program provides foster and low-income children in Geauga an opportunity to enjoy summer camp. Funded solely through donations. If you'd like to support this effort, donations can be made to Special Services of Geauga County, PO Box 309, Chardon, OH 44024.

Financial education workshops

Financial education workshops are offered to Geauga County residents free of charge. These workshops are sponsored by Geauga County Job and Family Services and The Ohio State University Extension.

Workshop topics:

- How to communicate about money and save for financial goal
- Creating a personalized budget
- Debt management and credit repair
- Document emergency kit for valuable papers

Volunteer tutoring program

WANTED: Adults who have a few hours each week to make a difference in a child's life.

Geauga County Job and Family Services is looking for caring, motivated adults to participate in our volunteer tutoring program. Since 2000, this program has been matching volunteers with local elementary students who need extra help in basic reading and math.

The tutoring takes place during the school day at school. Volunteers are required to attend training and complete a criminal background check, both provided by Job and Family Services.

Donations to the program can be made to Special Services of Geauga County, PO Box 309, Chardon, Ohio 44024.

For more information on any of these workshops or programs, contact Sara Shiningar, Community Support / Volunteer Coordinator, Geauga County Job and Family Services at 440-285-9141, ext. 1263.
Email: sara.shiningar@jfs.ohio.gov

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Geauga Growth Partnership

Geauga Growth Partnership, Inc. is a business-led 501c(3) organization dedicated to the retention, growth and attraction of jobs, investment and economic growth in Geauga County. Continuing education opportunities are available to all, no membership needed.
Email: info@geaugagrowth.com, www.geaugagrowthpartnership.com.



GEL: Professor John West from Liquid Crystals Institute at KSU*

Fri., Jan. 6, 7:30 – 9 a.m.
Kent State University at Geauga, 14111 Claridon Troy Rd., Burton

Hear about the future of the liquid crystal industry, first developed in northeast Ohio.

Human resources in the workplace

Fridays: Jan. 20, 27 (2-day course) 9 a.m. - noon
Newbury Business Park, 12373 Kinsman Road, Bldg C, Newbury

Increase productivity of team member's interpersonal skills. For non-supervisory staff. Fees apply.
geaugagrowthpartnership.com

GGP summer internship open house

Mon., Jan. 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Kent State University at Geauga, 14111 Claridon Troy Rd, Burton

Parents and high school students learn about the GGP Internship Program and meet businesses offering summer internships.

LEAD leadership supervisory training series

Fridays: Feb. 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 9 a.m. - noon
Newbury Business Park, 12373 Kinsman Road, Bldg C, Newbury

Leadership - Transition to Supervision, Employee Relations, Interviewing & Selection, Communications Skills, Conflict Mgmt, Performance Mgmt, Problem

Solving & Decision Making, Human Resource Legalities
LEAD: Leadership Effectiveness = Accelerated Development. Participants may register for single sessions or the entire series. Fees apply.
geaugagrowthpartnership.com

GEL: The state of Geauga County*

Fri., Feb. 3, 7:30. – 9:30 a.m.
(an extended 90 min. GEL)
Kent State University at Geauga, 14111 Claridon Troy Rd, Burton

Updates on Geauga County business, government, education, arts and more.

GEL: Shari Hunter, Two Foundation*

Fri., March 3 - 7:30 - 9 a.m.
Kent State University at Geauga, 14111 Claridon Troy Rd, Burton

A unique staffing agency seeking to enhance workplaces with the "sparkle" that comes from employing individuals with mild to moderate exceptionalities.

GEL: Maria Dellapina, Specs4Us*

Fri., April 7 - 7:30 - 9 a.m.
Kent State University at Geauga, 14111 Claridon Troy Rd, Burton

Hear the story of the 2015 Toyota Mother of Invention; a woman with a vision.

**Events co-sponsored by GGP and KSU Geauga.*

Burton Public Library

(440) 834-4466
Please visit burtonlibrary.org and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Blogger.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and do not require registration.

Become a Google guru

Tues., Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.
Overwhelmed by the amount of information on the Internet? Librarian Paula is a Google guru who will teach you the skills that you need.

FOX8 sports guy Dan Coughlin

Thurs., Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Local author & TV sports personality will talk Cleveland sports. Books

available for purchase and signing for \$15.

Artists' journal swap club

Led by local artist Halcyon Domanski, the club will feature a monthly journal exchange. Artists from all skill levels and media welcome. For men, women, and teens 16 and older. Informational meeting Sat., Jan. 28, 1 p.m., monthly meetings to follow.

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Game night: Ages 8 to 100

Thurs., Feb. 2, 6 – 7:45 p.m.
We provide snacks, drinks, and board games. Use our games or bring your own.

Valentine's concert

Tues., Feb. 14, 7 p.m.
Enjoy the talents of the Cleveland East Suburbanaires Barbershop quartet. Let us pamper you with carnations for the ladies, and chocolates for all.

Pinterest: Country crafting with wine bottles!

Sat., March 4, 11 a.m.
Free, but bring two wine bottles (empty or full). Registration begins Feb. 4 and is limited to 12.

Geauga County's interurban railroad

Thurs., March 9, 6:30 p.m.
Learn about the bygone era of Geauga's Electric Railways with Jim Rivers from The Cleveland and Eastern Interurban Historical Society.

Self-defense for women and girls 14 and older

Sat., March 18, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Led by the GC Sheriff's Department, this self-defense class features a classroom session followed by a hands-on defense session. Registration is limited to 20 and begins Sat., Feb. 18. Registrants must attend both sessions.

Essential oils

Sat., April 1, 11 a.m.
Explore this intro on the properties of essential oils taught by Felicia Timas. Participants will make a bottle to take home. Registration required, begins March 1.

Help stop the invasion: How to deal with problematic invasive plants

Thurs., April 27, 6:30 p.m.
Led by the GCPD, this program teaches how to identify problem

plants, threats they pose, and how to get rid of them. Bring pictures.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Storytimes

Jan. 10 - April 7
Registration is not required for storytimes.

Babytime

3 - 24 months with caregiver
Tuesdays: 11 a.m.

Family storytime

5 and younger with caregiver
Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m.

Toddler time

2 - 3 years old with caregiver
Thursdays: 10:30 a.m.

Movin' and groovin' - A music and movement program

Ages 2-5 with caregiver
Fridays: 11 a.m.

LEGO Club:

Jan. 10 – Mar. 14
Tuesdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages five and up spend an afternoon at the library building LEGO creations. No registration required.

JUVENILE PROGRAMS

Registration required unless noted.

Insect extravaganza with the Geauga Park District

Thurs., Jan. 26, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Grades K-3
Learn about the world of insects, from the creepy to the crawly to the interesting.

Iron chef for kids

Thurs., Feb., 16, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Grades 3-6
Do you enjoy cooking and the excitement of creating something extraordinary? Join us for an iron chef food-fueled competition complete with a special mystery ingredient.

Teddy bear tea party

Sat., March 11, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Family, all ages
Join us for a teddy bear tea party

where we'll learn about tea party etiquette, read stories, play games and eat tea-party approved snacks. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and wear your tea party best.

Raptor encounters

Sat., April 8, 10 a.m.
Family, all ages
At this program we'll learn about the history and survival tactics of raptors. Featuring birds such as Ohio hawks, owls, falcons, and more. Who knows what bird you may meet at this program? Brought to you by Lake Metroparks.

Night creatures

Sat., May 13, 10 a.m.
Family, all ages
Learn about nighttime creatures; maybe meet one. Brought to you by Lake Metroparks.

The Teen Scene

No registration required.
Call Burton Library for information.

After school funny movie

Thurs., Feb. 9, 3 - 4:30 p.m.
Kick the winter blues and enjoy snacks and a comedy with friends.

Popcorn palooza

Fri., March 10, 3 p.m.
Teens make popcorn creations with sprinkles, various syrups and more. Who knows what kind of snack you'll create?

The after crafters

This winter hang out with friends and enjoy various craft projects after school at the library. Dates and crafts to be announced.

Teen advisory volunteer board

Do you need service or volunteer hours? Do you want to be part of a group that makes positive changes at the Burton Library? Join the Burton Public Library Teen Advisory Volunteer Board. Stop by the library to apply and receive information on volunteering. Space is limited.

GCPL Future Dreams

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is located in the Newbury School Auditorium building, and the library station serves people who have few options in terms of meeting space.

Both Thompson and Newbury offer citizens clean, comfortable meeting spaces, a collection with everything from bestsellers to the classics, movies, music, games and programming. Patrons use our computers, study for exams, learn to conduct research, attend storytimes and book discussions. Without the library, where would these activities occur?

Despite the need, there is a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the current library stations. Both are located in public schools and both school systems are in transition with the possibility of consolidation. We have close ties to both schools, and our partnerships with these districts have been beneficial to all parties. But, we are concerned about the impact of decisions that are not within our control. If school consolidations occur, our future in public school buildings is questionable. We need long-term solutions. Being independent may help us garner more certain footing for the future that is not tied to school support

Erwin "Kok" Leffel, Thompson Trustee, believes an independent library building is needed. "Thompson needs community spaces and access to materials," he says. "The library is a great resource, but we could use expanded, full-service hours and the WiFi and internet service for our families who can't afford it. Thompson has so much to offer, and a dedicated library building would greatly enhance this area. Families and organizations need a place to meet and interact." The community is growing, he adds, noting that Dollar General is opening a store off the Square.

OUR DREAM FOR THE FUTURE

As we examine the facilities of the entire library system, we are searching for solutions to take us far into the future. Geauga County citizens have come to rely on GCPL for everything from preschool storytimes to senior citizen opportunities. All of our residents look to us to help them maintain a high quality of life. We encourage everyone to visit our newer facilities in those communities and imagine the possibilities for the rest of the county. Use your library to drive your dreams.

WINTER/SPRING LIBRARY HOURS 2017

Bainbridge, Chardon, Geauga West

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Middlefield

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Newbury (Closed Fridays)

Monday - Wednesday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Saturday, Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.

Thompson (Closed Fridays)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Saturday, Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.

All locations closed the following days:

New Year's
 Sat., Dec. 31
 Sun., Jan 1

Easter
 Sun., April 16

Maple Festival
 Chardon only
 Saturday, April 29
 Sunday, April 30
 Also, the library closes at 5 p.m., Thurs., April 28

Memorial Day
 Mon., May 29

Our library prides itself on being open and available to the public. When it is necessary to close, we notify the media as well as post this information on our website and social media outlets. When the public school district in which the library is located closes, that library's morning storytimes are cancelled. Contact your library to confirm whether other programs are being held. Have an emergency plan for your children if the library closes early.

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 (440) 285-7601

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 Chesterland, Ohio 44026
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 16167 East High Street
 Middlefield, Ohio 44062
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