

## **Geauga County Public Library Operating Policy Manual**

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### **LIBRARY SUPPORT GROUPS**

Library support groups are created to be of service to the library. The services these organizations provide fall into three broad groups: fund-raising for the library, advocacy for the library, and service to the library.

The purposes of library support groups are to:

- Educate and advocate to Geauga County residents about library services and programs.
- Sponsor and promote library programs and exhibits.
- Encourage gifts and endowments to the library.
- Support policies established by the Board of Trustees.
- Support the library in the legislative process.
- Encourage, support, and provide volunteer services to the library.
- Work with the Branch Manager, Board of Trustees, and Director on major development projects, including building programs.
- Raise funds for the support of library projects, programs, and services. Funds raised by support groups must be used to support the library since community members who contribute money through book sales, memberships, or other fundraising efforts have an expectation that the money will be used to support the library.

### **Geauga County Library Foundation**

The Geauga County Library Foundation was created in 1989. Its core purpose is to enhance and support the Geauga County Public Library. It is chartered as a non-profit corporation in the state of Ohio and has a 501(c) (3) tax exempt status with the IRS. Through the Foundation, the library is able to initiate programs and services that it would otherwise be unable to provide to the public.

### **Specialized Support Groups**

The following groups, while not created to help advocate for or fund the library or library programs, provide specialized support to the library, and may be provided in-kind service by the library.

- ❖ Genealogy Society of Geauga County
- ❖ Chagrin Valley Herb Society
- ❖ Leadership Geauga County
- ❖ Northeast Ohio Regional Library System
- ❖ The Geauga Shutterbugs Photo Club
- ❖ Kent State Geauga

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