GCPL welcomes Ed Worso, GCPL's new Director

It's been a few months since Geauga County Public Library’s new Director, Ed Worso, took the helm. In that time, he's been adjusting to running a multiple-location system while learning the roles of his staff and discovering the needs of Geauga County patrons.

Welcome to Geauga County Public Library! How have your first few months been?
I've never been busier, but I'm truly enjoying all the challenges. This is a solid library system that offers vast resources in varied formats to patrons. Programming is outstanding. I'm giving myself about three to four months to get the lay of the land, and then I'll assess what needs the most attention.

You come from Henderson Public Library in Ashtabula, but you also have experience in Columbus at The Ohio State University Law Library as well as at the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library system. What do you bring from your previous positions that will benefit Geauga citizens?

Geauga is interesting in that it has strong elements of rural and suburban communities with ties to urban settings. I have lived on farms, in suburbs and in large cities. I am comfortable in all these varied settings and I enjoy the challenge of meeting a diverse population's needs. I spent the formative years of my career, the first 18, working at Columbus Metropolitan Library and OSU Libraries, two of the biggest and most highly rated libraries in the country. I had fantastic mentors who generously shared great ideas while enduring my growing pains with endless patience. I was lucky enough to take that haversack of skills and knowledge into Henderson Memorial Public Library and grow the programming and user numbers while massively increasing access to materials for the citizens I served. The numbers and access in Geauga are already phenomenal.

Debbie O'Connor, the previous director, did a fantastic job in her role. Now, I plan to build upon her work and move toward the next horizon.

What are you currently reading?
On my nightstand I have three books and my Kindle Fire. Two books are farming related nonfiction books: The Owner-Built Homestead by Barbara and Ken Kern and Five Acres and Independence by M. G. Kains. The third is John Adams by David McCullough which was a gift from my wife last Christmas that I am just beginning to read.

GCPL Director Ed Worso is looking forward to relocating to Geauga County.
now getting to. I like all genres, but I gravitate toward nonfiction, history and philosophy.

What is your first big project for the library system?
I’m replacing our 30-year-old phone system. Some of our library buildings don’t even have voice mail. Upgrading to VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) will allow us to enhance customer service and streamline staff communication.

Additionally, I’m working to finish the building projects that are in progress including the Chardon Library renovation, the Newbury Library Station move and the Middlefield expansion that will accommodate our growing Mobile Services department.

What do you think about the print / digital debate?
It doesn’t matter. Libraries are the masters of new technology as well as the keepers of tangible materials. I have physical books on my nightstand, right next to my eReader. I just bought Game of Thrones for my Kindle on a super sale at Amazon. I download and stream materials from the library using Overdrive and hoopla. And, I like the feel of a book.

I think the next move will be for libraries to reduce their DVD and CD collections. People want to stream and download, and as more folks become comfortable with their devices, we’ll be offering more and more music, movies and television shows via the internet.

You currently live in Ashtabula. Any plans to relocate to Geauga?
Yes. I’ve already started looking for about ten acres of farmland. I have a few leads, but a lot of variables need to be sorted out.

What does your family think of you moving to Geauga?
They think it’s natural that I’m looking at a farm setting. I’ve always enjoyed rural places. Right now, I’m driving to Chardon every day from Pierpont. That’s a long commute, and I’m looking forward to being nearer to work. My mom and sister live in Willowick, so they’re happy that I’ll be closer.

How do you feel about snow?
Ha! Pierpont is the authentic snow capital of Ohio. Bring it on, Geauga.

What do you think the most important mission of a library is?
Our primary job is to provide access to information. That’s at the core. But, there’s so much more. We offer excellent programming. I’m struck by the depth and variety of programs listed in this issue of Lines & Links. That’s part of what we do, and GCPL does it extremely well. We offer community meeting spaces. We’re here for students, job seekers, entrepreneurs, kids, and busy parents who just want to swing by on a Friday to pick up a weekend movie before stopping at the pizza shop. We’re here for everyone.

Speaking of pizza, what’s your favorite Geauga County food stop so far?
I’m trying to visit more places. I’m up for suggestions. So far, I like Noce in Chardon for pizza. Bass Lake Tavern is also quite good. Sage’s Apples and Patterson Fruit Farm have great produce, especially this time of year. Oh, and I can’t forget the maple industry. I’ve had some delicious maple candy. Tell me where to go at ed.worso@geaugalibrary.info.

If you were stranded on a desert island and could have any five library items, what would they be? Let’s assume you have an unlimited battery supply for any devices you may have.

Music:
The Beatles, Abbey Road
Beethoven, Ninth Symphony

Movie:
To Kill a Mockingbird with Gregory Peck

Books:
J. R. R. Tolkien, Lord of the Rings
(I’ve read it every few years for the past 35 years.)

Audiobook:
Roger Zelazny, A Night in the Lonesome October.
I have an obscure recording of Zelazny himself reading his work. I listen to it every year before Halloween. It’s sublime.

What do you most enjoy about working for a library?
I like the people. Working with people is what recharges me. I tell my staff that if working with people drains them, then they’re in the wrong business. We’re all about helping people. Yes, we offer materials, but building relationships with people is what keeps me going. Without people, we’ve got nothing. Whether it’s the relationships we build at the reference or circulation desks with our patrons, or among each other as caring staff members, we’re part of a community that can do great things with and for each other.
Newbury Library Station open house
Community invited for games, prizes, giveaways & refreshments

Newbury Library Station is celebrating its new, expanded location with an open house, and is inviting the community to partake in the festivities.

Date: TBD
Time: See our website or Facebook page in February
Place: Newbury Library Station, inside Newbury Auditorium Building, side entrance (14775 Auburn Road)
Cost: Free, no registration required

“The Newbury Library Station serves an important area of Geauga County,” says GCPL Director Ed Worso. “We are pleased to offer this enhanced space and encourage our neighbors in this area to visit. Guests will enjoy an expanded and updated collection in comfortable surroundings. Please celebrate this move with us at our open house.”

Guests are invited to tour the new library space, play games, enjoy refreshments and pick up a giveaway. The library has comfortable chairs for reading and relaxing, a designated children’s area, high-speed Internet connections, new furniture and shelves, and stronger WiFi. The same dedicated staff will be there to greet and help you.

Passport fairs

Sat., March 5
Middlefield Library

Sat., April 2
Bainbridge Library

Need a passport? GCPL has partnered with the staff of the Geauga County Clerk of Courts to provide one-stop-shopping to help you complete the necessary forms, certify the paperwork and send it in for you. Simply bring the following paperwork items to one of the two convenient Saturday sessions.

- Passport application (available at event)
- Proof of citizenship (certified birth certificate)
- Proof of identity (photo ID or driver’s license)
- One passport photo, 2” x 2”. John’s Photography of Burton will be on site to take a photo of you for $10.
- Both parents and children 15 and younger must appear in person with parent’s photo ID.
- 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 passport applications at GCPL passport fairs.

Only new passports may be processed; no renewals. Please come to the Clerk of Courts Title office only for expedited processing. If you have any unusual circumstances, call the Clerk of Courts Title Office before the event at 440-279-1750. Monday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Tuesday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For passport fees and more details on items listed above visit the Geauga Clerk of Courts website or www.travel.state.gov.

Tax assistance

Volunteers from AARP will be on hand to help you file your 2015 federal and state taxes. Appointments are required; call your library to schedule.

Bring the following to your appointment:
- Copy of your 2014 tax returns
- All 2015 tax returns
- Proof of identity
- Social security card

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Sat., March 5
Sat., April 2
Middlefield Library
Bainbridge Library

Chardon, 440-285-7601
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Geauga West, 440-729-4250
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Middlefield, 440-632-1961
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Storytime Programs and Classes

Registration start date for Geauga West and Chardon is Mon., Jan. 4. Registration is not required at Bainbridge, Middlefield and Thompson.

Bainbridge 440-543-5611

Ten-week sessions run from Jan. 12 - March 17

Babytime
A lap sit program for babies 3 - 24 months, with a caregiver, featuring rhymes, songs and stories followed by play time. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Jan. 12 - March 17, 10 a.m.

Toddler time
For children 4 and younger with a caregiver. A fun-filled program on music and movement with stories and rhymes. Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Jan. 12 - March 16, 11 a.m.

Preschool storytime
For children ages 4-5 independently (caregiver must remain in the library). A program of music, movement, stories and crafts. Wednesdays: Jan. 13 - March 16, 1:30 p.m. Thursdays: Jan. 14 - March 17, 11 a.m.

Family Storytimes
For children 5 and younger with a caregiver. A fun-filled program with stories, rhymes and songs. Saturdays: Jan. 9 - March 12, 9:30 a.m.

Spring session (five weeks)
runs from April 5 - May 5

Preschool 11 a.m.

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Family storytime
For children 5 and younger with a caregiver. A fun-filled program with stories, rhymes and songs. Saturdays: Jan. 9 - March 12, 9:30 a.m.

Chardon 440-285-7601

Babymile
Birth - 23 months
Enjoy a 20-minute program of stories, songs, and rhymes with lots of participation. Mondays: Jan. 18 - April 4, 6:30 - 6:50 p.m. Wednesdays: Jan. 20 - April 6, 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.

Babies and twos
Birth - 35 months
Enjoy a 30-minute program of stories, songs, and rhymes with lots of participation. Thursdays, Jan. 21 - April 7, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Twos and threes
24 - 47 months
Enjoy a 30-minute program of stories, songs, rhymes and an introduction to colors and counting. Tuesdays: Jan. 19 - April 5, 6:30 - 7 p.m. Wednesdays: Jan. 20 - April 6, 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Preschool
36 months - kindergarten
Enjoy a 40-minute program of stories, songs, rhymes, colors, counting and lots of participation. Designed to allow children to assert their indepen-

dence by attending on their own.

Mondays: Jan. 18 - April 4, 10:30 - 11:10 a.m.

Wednesdays: Jan. 20 - April 6, 7 - 7:40 p.m.

Thursdays: Jan. 21 - April 7, 9:30 - 10:10 a.m.

Family storytime
All ages, with caregiver
Enjoy a 40-minute program of stories, songs, rhymes, colors, counting and lots of participation. Thursdays: Jan. 21 - April 7, 9:30 - 10:40 a.m.

Special Storytimes
Singing books
Ages 6 and younger, with caregiver
Explore a fun way to enjoy popular stories. Get in tune with us at we sing some of our favorite books.

Wed., April 27, 7 p.m. OR

Thurs. April 28, 10 a.m.

Puppet show
All ages
Join the Youth Services department for 40 minutes of a rousing good time with puppets, stories and songs. Mon., May 16, 7 p.m. OR

Tues., May 17, 10 a.m.
Storytime Programs and Classes

**Geauga West 440-729-4250**

**Babytime**
Birth to 2 years with caregiver
- **Winter Session**
  - Wednesdays: Jan. 13 - Feb. 24, 9:30 - 10 a.m. OR 10:30 - 11 a.m.
  - Thursdays: Jan. 14 - Feb. 25, 10 - 10:30 a.m.
- **Spring Session**
  - Wednesdays: March 23 - April 27, 9:30 - 10 a.m. OR 10:30 - 11 a.m.
  - Thursdays: March 24 - April 28, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

**Toddler storytime**
Ages 2 and 3 with caregiver
- **Winter Session**
  - Mondays: Jan. 11 - Feb. 22, 6:30 - 7 p.m.
  - Tuesdays: Jan. 12 - Feb. 23, 9:30 - 10 a.m. OR 10:30 - 11 a.m.
- **Spring Session**
  - Mondays: March 21 - April 25, 6:30 - 7 p.m.
  - Tuesdays: March 22 - April 26, 10 a.m. OR 10:30 - 11 a.m.

**Preschool storytime**
Ages 4 and 5
- **Winter Session**
  - Wednesdays: Jan. 13 - Feb. 24, 9:30 - 10 a.m. OR 10:30 - 11 a.m. OR 4 - 4:30 p.m.
  - Spring Session
  - Wednesdays: March 23 - April 27, 9:30 - 10 a.m. OR 10:30 - 11 a.m. OR 4 - 4:30 p.m.

**Trailblazers**
K - 2
- **Winter Session**
  - Mondays: Jan. 11 - Feb. 22, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
  - Spring Session
  - Mondays: March 21 - April 25, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

**Middlefield 440-632-1961**

**Lapsit baby storytime**
Newborn - 18 months, with parent / caregiver
Wiggle and giggle with your baby through stories, songs, rhymes and activities that plant the seeds of reading readiness. For newborns through 18 months, but with a focus on pre-walkers, including lap bounces, foot patting and face rhymes. Stay to play following the program.
- Fridays: Jan. 15 - April 29, 10 a.m.

**Toddle on over toddler storytime**
Ages 3 - 5, with caregiver
Join us for 30 minutes of stories, songs, and rhymes.
- Tuesdays: Jan. 12 - April 26, 10 a.m.
- Thursdays: Jan. 14 - April 28, 11 a.m.

**Tinkerlab at Middlefield**
Ages 3 - 5, with caregiver
Join us for a series of playful programs that encourage tinkering, curiosity, and creativity. Fridays at 10 a.m. Please call 440-632-1961 to register.
- Jan. 8: Crazy painting
- Feb. 12: Build with DUPLO
- March 4: Counting and measuring
- April 8: All about colors

**Newbury 440-564-7552**

**Family storytime**
Family, all ages
Dates and times to be announced when new building opens.
Drop in for a fun storytime in our new space in the Newbury Auditorium building when open. Use side entrance to building, not main auditorium doors.

**Thompson 440-298-3831**

**Preschool storytime**
Stories and crafts for preschool-age children.
- Mondays: Feb. 1 - March 21, 7 p.m.
- Wednesdays: Feb. 3 - March 23, 10:30 a.m.
Youth and Family Programs and Classes

Pizza and pages
B Grades 4-5
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Join us for a yummy book discussion that includes a fun story and a slice of pizza. Call the library to reserve your copy of the book.

January 25  The Fourteenth Goldfish  by Jennifer Holm
February 29  Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made  by Stephan Pastis
March 28  Circus Mirandus  by Cassie Beasley
April 25  Roller Girl  by Victoria Jamieson

Winter reading contest
B Children through fifth grade
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Mon., Jan. 11 - Sat., March 19
Receive a “snowflake” for every five items you check out on your library card or for every library program you attend.
Use snowflakes as entries for prizes. Winners will be contacted before spring break.

January

Chase away boredom
G Grades K - 5
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Thurs., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Ugh, January, stuck inside...Boring! Chase away those thoughts. We have ways to make that time inside fun!

LEGO building challenge
G Family, all ages
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Sat., Jan. 16, 1 p.m.
What can your family build with a box of LEGOs? Join the challenge to find out.

Robot turtles
G Grades K - 4
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Tues., Jan. 19, 4 p.m.
We’ll learn the fundamentals of programming by playing this fun board game.

Painting lab
G Grades 3-5
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
Express yourself with paint. Different types of paints, painting surfaces, and painting utensils will be supplied, and staff will be available to show different painting techniques. Bring your own creativity!

Building a band
B Grades K-5
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Thurs., Jan. 28, 4 p.m.
Join Bob Frank as he leads us in a hands-on workshop. Students build a band by playing a variety of kazooos, rhythm sticks and other instruments.

Winter’s frozen spell
G Grades K - 2
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Jan. 28, 4 p.m.
Enjoy winter’s frozen spell with sparkling snowflakes, snow and icy activities.

Frozen party
B Ages 3 - 8
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Sat., Jan. 30, 1 p.m.
Join the Frozen sisters as they perform songs with interactive dances, have a quick change dress transformation and a snowman relay race.

Hedgie-palooza
G Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sun., Jan. 31, 2 p.m.
A program to celebrate Jan Brett, favorite author and illustrator of over 30 books. Join us as we jump into her stories through activities, crafts and cozy treats.

February

Homeschool Hub: Invent to learn with Makey Makey and littleBits
M Grades 3 and up
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., Feb. 3, 10 a.m.
Unleash your inner-scientist and invent cool projects with the use of a Makey Makey, littleBits, and more, while learning how electricity and circuits work.

Alice in Wonderland tea party
G Grades K - 2
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Feb. 11, 4 p.m.
Join Alice and friends for a zany un-birthday tea party. Wear a hat if you like and don’t be late.

My mythical pet
G Grades 3 - 5
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., Feb. 18, 4 p.m.
Visit our mythical creature pet shop, the only place to meet all of your creature’s needs. We’ll tell stories, play games, and help you pick out the best creature for your family or best supplies for the creature you already have.

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**Family movie day**
- Family, all ages
- Middlefield, 440-632-1961
- Sat., Feb. 20, 1 - 4 p.m.
- Join us for popcorn and a movie. Call for movie selection.

**Scat, tracks and other mammal facts**
- Family, all ages
- Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
- Sun., Feb. 21, 2 p.m.
- What mammals are lurking in your backyard? Many leave tell-tale signs of their presence. Join a Geauga Parks District Naturalist and discover the diversity of mammals in Geauga. Learn their differences and test your knowledge of animal signs by taking the scat quiz.

**Sensory explosion**
- Grades K-3
- Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
- Thurs., Feb. 25, 4 p.m.
- Join us as we explore the five senses in an explosive manner complete with pop-rock paint, smelling contests, Play-Doh crafts and more.

**Detective club mystery**
- Grades K - 2
- Chardon, 440-285-7601
- Thurs., Feb. 25, 4 p.m.
- Sharpen your detective skills and solve a mystery with the famous book detective Nate the Great, and enjoy his favorite snack.

**Bristle bot races**
- Grades K - 4
- Middlefield, 440-632-1961
- Thurs., Feb. 25, 4 p.m.
- We'll build robots from toothbrushes and race to see whose is the fastest.

**March**

**Tuesday tween reads**
- Grades 3 - 5
- Geauga West, 440-729-4250
- Tues., March 1, 4:15 p.m.
- Pick up a copy of Andrew Clements' *Frindle* and read it before March 1. Then join other tweens to discuss the antics of these fun fifth graders. Limited copies available.

**Geauga parks maple sugaring**
- Grades K-5
- Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
- Thurs., March 10, 4 p.m.
- Bring your sweet tooth as the Geauga Park District demonstrates how sap becomes delicious maple syrup.

**Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**
- Grades K - 2
- Chardon, 440-285-7601
- Thurs., March 10, 4 p.m.
- Enjoy the wackiest weather tale ever and help make clouds, rain, rainbows, a rainstick and more.

**Hats off to you**
- Grades K - 4
- Middlefield, 440-632-1961
- Thurs., March 10, 4 p.m.
- Silly hat stories and games, along with some hat-making, too.

**Art, art, art**
- Family, all ages
- Geauga West, 440-729-4250
- Sun., March 13, 2 p.m.
- Create your favorite book jacket using unusual art supplies. You don't have to be artistic to participate.

**Who comes back in the spring?**
- Grades 3 - 5
- Chardon, 440-285-7601
- Thurs., March 17, 4 p.m.
- Let's welcome back all of the furry, feathered, scaly, creepy, and green critters and plants who have returned to northeast Ohio after winter.

**Maple sugaring in Geauga County**
- Families, grades K - 12
- Chardon, 440-185-7601
- Sat., March 19, 10 a.m.
- Follow the diary of Ansel Burnett, a Burton farmer in 1861, as he reads for maple sugaring. Enjoy a maple sugar treat and play old-fashioned games.

**Edible car family building challenge**
- Families with children in grades K-12
- Middlefield, 440-632-1961
- Sat., March 19, 1 p.m.
- Will your car make it down the ramp? Work together to create a car from edible materials.

**Decorate eggs**
- Grades K - 5
- Geauga West, 440-729-4250
- Wed., March 23, 7 p.m.
- We'll use a variety of materials to decorate a springtime egg. Eggs will be provided.
Youth and Family Programs and Classes

April

Party LEGO
Grades K - 5
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Mon., April 4, 7 p.m.
What can you make out of LEGO? Parents are welcome to attend or children may build on their own.

Family game day
Family, all ages
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Sat., April 9, 11 a.m.
Hunker down in the library for a day of fun with all the board games you can imagine. You can sink a battleship, shout “Uno!” and hopefully, “I win!”

Found poetry workshop
Grades 3 - 5
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., April 9, 1 p.m.
April is National Poetry Month. We’ll explore different forms of found poetry. Then you will be able to use words and phrases all around you to build unique poems of your own.

(D.E.A.R.) Drop Everything and Read
Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tues., April 12, 7 p.m.
Help us celebrate reading and Beverly Cleary’s birthday. Bring a book of your own or borrow one of ours. We’ll supply snacks and birthday cake. D.E.A.R. programs are held nationwide April 12 in honor of Beverly Cleary’s birthday, since she first wrote about D.E.A.R. in Ramona Quimby, Age 8.

Create your own wordless picture book
Grades K - 5
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Thurs., April 14, 4 p.m.
Have you ever dreamed of illustrating your own book? Now is your chance to learn about wordless picture books and create your own.

A garden of your own
Grades K - 2
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., April 14, 4 p.m.
Plant some vegetable and flower seeds to start your own special garden.

May

Bad art
Grades 4 - 5
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Thursday, May 5, 4 p.m.
Do you have what it takes to create the ugliest, lamest, most dreadful piece of art?

Books-n-bingo blast with mom
Family, all ages
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sat., May 7, 2 p.m.
Bring that special lady to play some spring-themed bingo and win fabulous book prizes. Refreshments.

The wonderful world of Eric Carle
Family, all ages
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Sat., May 7, 10 a.m.
We’ll spin a web with the very busy spider, crawl through the grass with the clumsy click beetle, and other fun activities inspired by the works of Eric Carle.

Insect extravaganza
Grades K-4
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Tues., May 10, 4 p.m.
Discover insects all around us. Learn which ones we can’t live without and about their life cycles.

Presented by Geauga Park District.
Teen Programs and Classes

Programs are one hour unless noted. Either register online or call library.

Teen makerspace series
Grades 5 - 12
Middlefield, 440-632-1961

January
Upcycled CD art
Grades 6 - 12
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Mon., Jan. 25, 3:30 p.m.
We will supply discarded, obsolete CDs and suggestions about how to turn them into artistic pieces. We’ll have all the materials. All you need to bring is your creativity.

Potter party
Grades 6 - 12
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tue., Jan. 26, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Make crafts and treats featured throughout the wonderful wizarding world of Harry Potter.

February
Movie and popcorn
Grades 6 - 12
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tue., Feb. 9, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Kick back and relax with popcorn and a fun movie.

March
Graphic novels
Grades 6 - 12
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Thurs., Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m.
Join us as we geek out and learn about making graphic novels.

Edible car contest
Grades 6 - 12
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tue., April 12, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
What ingredients will work best to make a car? Let’s find out!

April
Found book poetry
Grades 6 - 12
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., April 9, 3 p.m.
April is National Poetry Month. Join us to look at various ways of turning our old books into your new found poetry.

May
The final countdown
Grades 6 - 12
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Tue., May 24, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Finals got you stressed? Join us for stress-relieving activities.
## 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.

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## Book Sales

Proceeds from book sales benefit each library’s Friends’ group. Consider becoming a Friend of the Library. Membership dues are modest and help provide funding for programs, prizes, and other great library offerings. Our Friends make possible many of the opportunities our patrons enjoy. Ask about joining any of GCPL’s Friends’ groups. Memberships may be purchased at individual libraries.

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Adult programs and classes

January

Art and relaxation series
Calm coloring
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Mon., Jan. 11, 7 p.m.
Coloring: It's not just for kids. Explore the stress-relieving benefits of the hottest new trend - coloring for adults.

Green smoothies for a healthy New Year
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Tues., Jan. 26, 7 p.m.
Wary of the taste of green smoothies? Unsure where to start? Learn an easy method to make tasty green smoothies and how to create your own recipes and stock the fridge. Samples available! Workshop presented by Nicole Lazar, a Board Certified Holistic Health Practitioner. Class limited to 40.

All-occasion winter card class
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sun., Jan. 31, 1:15 - 3:15 p.m.
It's time to replenish your card stash with all-occasion cards to use throughout the year. This class is for all levels of experience. $10 materials fee payable to instructor the day of class.

February

Book bites: Crockpot creations
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Mon., Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

Medicaid explained
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., Feb. 3, 7 p.m.
Do you qualify for Medicaid, but don't know where to start? Lisa Milgate from Geauga County Job and Family Services will provide a program overview, explain qualifications, offer valuable tips for navigating the system and answer questions.

Art and relaxation series
Peaceful painting
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Mon., Feb. 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Explore your inner artist during a guided painting experience with Jennifer Ball, Wild Lily Designs owner. $15 supply fee is required at registration.

Geauga REALink training
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., Feb. 20, 10 a.m. - noon
Learn to use the Geauga County REALink property information system with hands-on practice of this online tool. Topics include: Basic search and navigation, adding and removing layers, accessing parcel information, saving, printing and exporting maps and data and printing health department maps. Bring questions. Presented by the Geauga County Auditor’s Office.

Understanding your utilities
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Wed., Feb. 24, 7 p.m.
Learn how to possibly save money on your utilities. Zack Frymier, public information officer for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), will discuss resources that help you choose an electric or natural gas supplier, consumer protection tips, consumer rights and responsibilities, payment assistance programs and local government aggregation.

March

Poetry studio
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sat., March 5, 1 - 4 p.m.
Do you like poetry? Do you hate poetry? Do you think you don't get poetry? Good! Come to this workshop, where we will read, discuss, write, share and personalize take-home poems. This program is intended for adults, but interested teens are also welcome. Don't worry about your previous experiences with poetry. Published poet Patrick Culliton, MFA, who has taught poetry at a number of universities and schools, welcomes you to see how serious play can create exciting poems.
Adult Programs and Classes

March

Adult coloring session
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Sun., March 6, 2 - 4 p.m.
Adult coloring is sweeping through the nation as a way to relieve stress and relax. Drop in for a calming and colorful time. We provide the coloring sheets and colored pencils. Feel free to bring your own supplies too.

Bracketology
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Tues., March 15, 7 p.m.
Wonder what all the madness is about? We’ll break down the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament, analyze stats, and make our predictions on the next Champion of “The Dance.”

Garden art: What and how
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Mon., March 21, 6:45 p.m.
You can achieve four seasons of color and interest by skillful use of art in your garden. Get instant height while waiting for plants to grow. Learn how to use straight and curved art pieces in the garden setting. This class taught by gardening expert Dawn Cryberg.

Dance your stress away
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Thurs., March 10, 7 p.m.
Join us for this energizing class where we can shake out our stress and frustrations while having fun. Class is open to everyone regardless of previous experience with dance, yoga or music. Dance like no one is watching.

Art and relaxation series
Zentangle® zen
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Mon., March 14, 7 p.m.
Zentangle® is a new, easy method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. No experience is needed. Certified Zentangle® Teachers, Cathy Zavodny and Michelle Rodgers, lead the session.

Understanding your utilities
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., March 30, 7 p.m.
For more information, see page 11.

April

Book bites: Grilling with herbs
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Mon., April 4, 7 p.m.
Leeann Halley from the Village Herb Shop in Chagrin Falls will teach us how to use herbs to make the most of this grilling season. We will make a Tuscan rub perfect for chicken, potatoes and vegetables. A $6 supply fee is required at registration.

Look, lunch and listen
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Wednesdays: April 6, 13, 20, 27
Noon - 1 p.m.
Bring your lunch and join us as we enjoy a unique and entertaining program each week.
Coffee provided.
Sponsored by the Geauga West Friends of the Library.

The magic of 3-D printing
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Thurs., April 7, 7 p.m.
Join Brian Hanzel of FilaMint for a demonstration of 3-D printing and a discussion of its many possibilities.

Books and brews
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Fri., April 8, 6 - 8 p.m.
Join the Friends of Bainbridge Library at their annual meeting for a fun-filled explanation from Jeff Bradbury of Lucky Owl Brewery of how craft beer is made. Samples and snacks provided. Friends of the library are free; $5 for non-members. Must be 21 to participate.

Book purse workshop
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sun., April 10, 2 - 4 p.m.
Kick off National Library Week in style. Upcycle a gently used book and turn it into a stylish purse. These purses are truly unique and would make a wonderful gift for a book lover. $20 materials fee due day of class.

Couponing 101
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., April 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
April is Financial Literacy Month. In this fun, two-hour session, blogger and coupon columnist Rachel Krych will teach you to locate and organize coupons, introduce how and where to coupon stack, and provide tips for shopping at Target, Walmart, Giant Eagle and more. Save some serious money with this information.
**April**

**Chardon Friends of the Library tea**
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Sun., April 17, 2 - 4:30 p.m.
The annual Friends Tea features Sandra Beane’s genealogical journey back to the ancestral home of the family who owned her ancestors.

**Civil War photography**
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Mon., April 18, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Photography was still a relatively new medium during the Civil War. Learn more about the technology of photography and how the Civil War influenced the growth and evolution of this art form. Presented by James A Garfield National Historic Site staff.

**Remembering Euclid Beach Park**
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Wed., May 4, 7 p.m.
Relive the magic of Euclid Beach Park, the popular Cleveland attraction, with John Frato, President of Euclid Beach Now. Experience traveling to the amusement park made successful by the Humphrey Family. Learn about how the food played a role in the park’s success and the exciting rides that had people coming back year after year.

**The probate court process**
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Thurs., May 12, 7 p.m.
Join Probate Court Judge Tim Grendell and learn about Ohio Probate Law and the Probate Court Process. If something happens to you, your loved ones could face unnecessary costs and delays in receiving the assets and property you want them to own. Learn about Ohio Probate Law, the Probate Court process, and your choices that could avoid delays and save your family time, money and hassle down the road.

**May**

**Geauga journeys: Lakeview Cemetery and Little Italy**
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Mon., May 2, 9 a.m. departure.
Following the success of our West Side Market Trip last fall, Middlefield is on the move once again. This time, we’re hitting the road on a chartered coach bus to Lake View Cemetery and Little Italy. Experience the beautiful and historic cemetery through a guided bus tour. Afterwards, wander through the dining and shopping experiences of Little Italy. Watch our Facebook, Twitter pages, and website in April for additional information. Tickets will be available for purchase closer to the date. Sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Library.

**Chagrin Valley Herb Society plant sale**
Bainbridge, 440-543-5611
Sat., May 21, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Chagrin Valley Herb Society plant and herb sale offers a great assortment of herbs for your garden and culinary needs. Sale lasts until sold out. Come early for best selection.

**Take the “100 book challenge” at Bainbridge Library**

Do you need a little push to read more? Take our 100 Book Challenge.
Participants have two years to read 100 books.

Here’s how it works: Patrons must sign up for the challenge at the reference desk. Then, they will be able to “opt in” to the challenge inside their online library account where progress will be tracked. Monitor your expanded literary repertoire as you accumulate new reading successes. You may choose from our list of 150 books. After you read the book, visit the reference desk to answer a simple question about it to “prove” you read the book. That’s it!

Your title will be checked off, and your progress will be noted on a leaderboard so that all contestants will know where they stand. Complete the challenge, and receive a dapper GCPL jacket from the Friends of the Bainbridge Library that will allow you to show off your literary prowess with pride. Questions, call Bainbridge Library at 440-543-5611 or stop in for assistance.

Happy reading!
Genealogy Classes

Registration required unless noted. Call respective library or register online. Most class sizes are limited to 10 people.

Exploring Familysearch.org and genealogy search session
Middlefield, 440-632-1961
Sat., April 16, 1 - 4 p.m.
Familysearch.org is the portal to the world’s largest free genealogical collection. Millions use the digitized or microfilmed world-wide records, books, wikis, tree, tutorials and other services to find information on their families. Bring genealogy charts with dates and locations. Basic computer skills needed. Laptops will be used. Registration required.

Obituaries and beyond: Finding your family in digitized newspapers
Chardon, 440-285-7601
Tues., April 26, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Many old U.S. newspapers are now digitized and online. Find and search these resources for obituaries and articles about your ancestors. We will use library laptops, so bring your genealogy charts showing dates and locations of your ancestors’ births, marriages and deaths.

Introduction to genealogy
Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Sat., May 14, 1 - 3 p.m.
Wondering how to find your ancestors? Introduction to genealogy helps with charts, documenting and online databases. Bring whatever birth / marriage/ death dates and places you have for your parents, grandparents and great grandparents to begin research. Laptops will be used, so basic computer skills needed. May stay after class for research assistance.

Geauga County Genealogical Society programs
The Geauga County Genealogical Society (GCGS) meets in the Bostwick Room of the Chardon Library on the second Tuesday of each month. Visit us for one or all of the following programs. Check our website www.gcgsoh.org for more information. Questions? Contact info@gcgsoh.org.

Patrick Jolly presents
“Patrick Henry, My Ancestor”
Tues., Jan. 12, 7 p.m.

Cheryl McClellan presents
“Penmanship Back in the Day”
Tues., Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

Linda Freeman presents
“History of the U.S. Census”
Tues., March 8, 7 p.m.

Wally Huskonen presents
“Immigration and Naturalization”
Tues., April 12, 7 p.m.

Digital Discoveries

Ongoing library eBooks and eReaders support
Schedule an appointment at any GCPL location to learn how to use your devices to enjoy digital library materials. Whether you just received a Kindle, Nook or iPad - or if you want to learn more about eBooks before you make a purchase, library staff members are happy to help you harness technology. Audiobooks, eBooks, music, movies, television shows and graphic novels are yours - for free - with your GCPL card, a device and an internet connection.

MS Word basics
Fri., Feb. 12, 10 a.m.
This introductory class will walk you through some simple commands using MS Word 2013. Participants must have basic keyboard and mouse skills.

Google Drive docs
Thurs., March 24, 7 p.m.
Wondering what all the fuss about the cloud is? Learn to create documents in Google Drive and how to access and share them with others on the cloud. Participants must have a gmail account and basic keyboard and mouse skills.

Patrick Jolly, Assistant Head of Facilities at GCPL, is a direct descendant of Patrick Henry and an avid fiddler.
Digital Discoveries and Computer Classes

Register early; classes limited to 10 people, unless noted.

### Bainbridge
#### Twitter and Periscope
Thurs., April 21, 7 p.m.
Have you heard the terms tweet and scope? Learn how the two most popular apps work and how you can make them work for you. Must have a smartphone to participate.

### Chardon
#### Introduction to the iPad
Wed., Jan. 13, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Intended for the first-time or novice user, this class explores the basic features of the iPad. We will learn about tablet settings and indicators and how to use the Mail, Safari and camera apps. We’ll even shoot and edit photos. Bring your own iPad. Class is limited to 12.

### Geauga West
#### How do I... Use our library’s online resources?
Wed., Feb. 10, 7 p.m.
Did you know that with just your library card and internet access, you can download (and keep!) over 70 full-color, interactive magazines? Or that you can stream up to 20 audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and CDs a month? Need a government document? Away from home and need to renew an item to avoid a fine? You can do all of that and much more. This class will explore the Geauga County Public Library available to you outside of our branch walls via your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

### Middlefield
#### Google Drive and Docs
Tues., March 22, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Do you have a Gmail account? If so, you have access to a handy tool called Drive, where you can create, collaborate on, and share documents, spreadsheets, and slide presentations. If you have a student in school using Google Docs, this class will help you understand how it works and ways it can be used. Please bring your Gmail login information with you to class. Ask at the Reference Desk if you need assistance setting up a free Gmail account prior to class.

### MS Excel basics
Tues., April 5, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
What can you do in Excel? Learn about cells, formatting and how to set up a basic worksheet. Participants must have basic keyboard and mouse skills.

### MS Word basics
Wed., April 6, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Can you get on the Internet but become confounded by creating and saving a document? Confused by the basics of typing a letter using Microsoft Word? This hands-on basics class will walk you through the ribbon, font styles and saving documents. Participants must have basic keyboard and mouse skills.

### Introduction to computers A:
#### Computer basics
Thurs., Jan. 28, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Have little or no computer experience? In this class you will learn about basic computer operations, Windows navigation, and files and folders.

### Introduction to computers B:
#### Internet basics
Thurs., Feb. 4, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Discover what the Internet has to offer. Learn web browser basics, surfing the web, Internet safety, and basic search skills.

### Introduction to computers C:
#### Intermediate computer and search skills
Thurs., Feb. 18, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Ready to move beyond the basics? This class covers copy / paste, flash drives, maps, and more.

### Do-it-yourself from the GCPL homepage
Wed., Feb. 24, 6:30 - 8 p.m. OR Thurs., Feb. 25, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
Membership has its privileges. Want to place a hold on the hottest new novel? Renew your books to avoid a fine? Compare products in Consumer Reports? Learn a new language before travelling abroad? Discover computer skills? You can do all this and more from the comfort of your own home with your computer or device. Learn how.

### GCPL resources for job seekers
Wed., March 23, 7 p.m.
Looking for work? This class will introduce you to online career and employment resources available to GCPL patrons. Time will be allotted for participants to independently use these resources with a library laptop.

### Travel smart: The best online travel resources and apps
Wed., April 20, 7 - 7:45 p.m.
Make your next vacation or travel experience your best. Discover the GCPL subscription resources, websites, and apps to make your next vacation or business trip a success.
Fore! Join us for a day of mini-golf at the Geauga West Library Links, where the entire building is converted into an 18-hole mini-golf course for one special day of fun for the whole family. Test your miniature golf skills up and down the library aisles

Sun., March 20 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at our Chesterland library location.

The event coincides with the Chesterland Kiwanis pancake breakfast held at the West Geauga Middle School. Have a delicious breakfast at the school, then walk across the parking lot to burn off a few calories while you play golf and support the Geauga County Library Foundation. The mini-golf proceeds sustain the Every Child Ready to Read program providing Geauga County kindergarteners with an age-appropriate book, teddy bear and library card. Enjoy 18 holes for only $5. Ask about special reduced advance group sale rates. Tickets are available at the event and beginning March 1 at any GCPL location.

Additional activities include:
- Photo opportunities with Slider, the Indians mascot
- Geauga County K-9 unit
- Banjo the Clown with his amazing balloon creations
- Face painting
- Chinese auction
- A special toddler hole especially for preschool children

Bring the whole family!

Please support our sponsors who are making this event possible:

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To learn more about the Foundation or to become a member, contact geaugalibraryfoundation@gmail.com
Help Me Grow is a voluntary program designed with your family’s concerns and goals in mind at no cost to your family. We provide 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 visit to help prepare for baby’s arrival
- Developmental screenings to make sure your child is meeting important milestones
- Answers to questions or concerns you have about your child’s development
- Help in locating services for children with special needs
- Support and education for your family
- Help in increasing your understanding about your child’s behavior
- New ways to play with and care for your child
- Links to helpful community resources
- Events for you and your family

For more information, contact: Geauga County Help Me Grow, 440-729-5250 or 866-975-1100. Visit www.geaugaffc.org/helpme-grow

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.

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. Programs attract and engage GGP members, businesses, government, educators, students and individuals.

Location for All Workforce Development Sessions:
Newbury Business Park Executive Center
12373 Kinsman Road, Bldg C  Newbury Ohio 44065
440-564-1060                         info@geaugagrowth.com

Discounted fees for GGP members.
LEAD: Leadership Effectiveness = Accelerated Development (A leadership training series) LEAD Series I and LEAD Series II

Series I LEAD programs
Leadership – The transition to supervision
Fri., Jan. 29, 9 a.m. - noon
Explore the skills and attributes required to supervise.

Employee relations
Fri., Feb. 5, 9 a.m. - noon
Motivate to help create positive employee relations.

Interviewing and selection
Fri., Feb. 12, 9 a.m. - noon
Learn techniques to improve quality employee selection.

Communications skills
Fri., Feb. 19, 9 a.m. - noon
Learn oral, written and listening strategies to improve communications.

Series II
Conflict management
Fri., Feb. 26, 9 a.m. - noon
Attendees will analyze their conflict situations and develop appropriate resolution strategies.

Performance management
Fri., March 4, 9 a.m. - noon
Develop an in-depth performance management plan for supervising employees.

Problem solving and decision making
Fri., March 11, 9 a.m. - noon
Develop a good formula for managing change, analyzing problems and making decisions for greater outcomes for yourself and your work group.

Change management
Fri., March 18, 9 a.m. - noon
Learn how to manage yourself and your team as you move through the various phases of change.

Basic coaching skills for managers
Fridays: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016 – 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
(12-hour course conducted over 4 weeks)
Managers will gain tools, principles and skills to strengthen collaboration, communication and goal achievement to attain a strong company culture.

For more information, contact Geauga Growth Partnership at info@geaugagrowth.com or visit www.geaugagrowthpartnership.com.
Sessions typically last 60-90 minutes. All sessions are free, but please reserve a seat at www.leaf-ohio.org. LEAF strongly recommends parents and guardians attend with their students.

Seniors: FAFSA prep
Wed., Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.
This session will demonstrate how to fill out your FAFSA online. This is a demo only. If you require an individual FAFSA appointment, please call the LEAF office.

Juniors: Conducting a campus visit
Wed., March 2, 6:30 p.m.
What questions should you ask and who should you talk to when visiting a college campus?

Juniors: Junior jumpstart
Wednesdays: March 16 or 23, 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.

Seniors: Loans
Wednesdays: April 20 or 27 6:30 p.m.
Unsure of how to fill the gap between your financial aid and college expenses? Confused about student loans? Wondering how to apply? This session will help.

Freshmen
Sat., April 30, 10 a.m.
What can freshmen do to prepare for college? What other opportunities are out there for underclassmen?
New Year, new you with Nadina  
Mondays: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 10 - 11 a.m.
Thirty minutes of fitness followed by clean-eating and nutrition information and recipes. We request a reservation, but drop-ins are welcome.

Financial health and budget workshop  
Thursdays: Jan. 7, 21, 6:30 p.m.
Topics include tracking your spending, identifying spending leaks, credit repair/debt, identity theft protection. In collaboration between GCJFS & The OSU Extension office.

Chinese New Year with the Cleveland Chinese Music Ensemble  
Sat., January 30th at 1 p.m.
Traditional Chinese treats will be served. All ages. Registration not required.

Pinterest party  
Grab your girlfriends for four weeknights of fun. Sign up for one or more sessions.
Not your kid’s rock painting: Tues., Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m.
Wet felting bookmark: Thurs., Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Book pendant and earrings: Tues., Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Easy appetizers: Thurs., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.
Bring an appetizer or dessert to share that you found on Pinterest. We will craft appetizer signs.

South Newbury Union Chapel  
Thurs., Feb. 4, 6:30 p.m.
Michael Fath (trustee) will speak about the history and famous visitors (Louisa May Alcott, Susan B. Anthony, and Lucy Stone) to this site that’s on the National Register of Historic Places.

Altered books workshop  
Sat., March 12, 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Create works of art using collage, paper-folding, cut-outs and more. All materials provided. All ability levels welcome.

Green, budget-friendly cleaning products  
Tues., March 15, at 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to make your own environmentally friendly and inexpensive cleaning products. You will make several green cleaners and leave with a recipe book.

Teacup fairy gardens  
Sat., April 9, 1 p.m.
Bring a tea cup and $5. We will supply the other materials and embellishments.

Snakes of Ohio from the Lake Erie region  
Sat., April 16, 11 a.m.
Sue Bixler, an Education and Outreach Associate from the OSU Stone Laboratory and Ohio Sea Grant will bring endangered and misunderstood snakes. All ages.

School’s out movie  
Enjoy a movie, popcorn and a beverage. Call library for movie selection. Registration not required. Mondays: Jan. 18 and Feb. 15, 2 p.m.

Edible book festival  
Sat., March 26, 11 a.m.
Join us for our 14th annual edible book festival. Make something entirely edible which represents a book, and bring your entry to the Library. The “book” creations will be judged and then eaten. No registration required.

Night creatures  
Sat., April 2, at 11 a.m.
Don’t miss out on this Lake Metroparks program when we will be visited by live nocturnal animals and learn all about how they live while we’re asleep. No registration required.

The Bubble Lady  
Sat., April 23, 11 a.m.
Celebrate with us as we welcome back the Bubble Lady. No registration required.

May Day garden party  
Sat., April 30, 10 a.m.
Join us for our 2nd annual May Day family gathering. Registration Begins April 16.
Problem? Solved

If you already use your library, you realize that GCPL is the go-to place for the best and latest books, music, movies and magazines. But, did you know that when you have practical questions, we’re also at the ready?

We have an extensive collection of varied materials to help you find the information you need to solve your problems. And, our classes and programs answer questions ranging from Medicare and advance directives to scrapbooking and wine pairing.

- Need a recipe?
- Want to download a free eBook or audiobook?
- Looking for a reliable vehicle?
- Ready to start a job search?
- Need a passport?
- Use scholarly sources for a research project?
- Find your next favorite musical artist?
- A winning Cleveland sports team?

C’mon. There are some problems that may never end.

We’ve been listening to your concerns, compiling the best materials into organized lists that will help you find what you’re searching for. So, if you have a question the library can help you explore, let us know. Or, email lori.weber@geaugalibrary.info. We’ll get our special teams on it.

All through 2016, we’ll be sharing this information via “Problem? Solved.” Check our website for the problem of the month. We’ll offer lists of materials with hotlinks, when possible, that provide answers. You’ll be able to put materials on hold, schedule visits to our programs, and download or stream content that will help you.

January’s Solution:
We’ll be sharing resources to help you keep healthy during cold and flu season.

WINTER/SPRING LIBRARY HOURS

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 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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

Newbury (Closed on Friday)
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 and Sunday ------ noon to 4 p.m.

Thompson (Closed on Friday)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday ------------------ 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday ------ noon to 4 p.m.

Days closed:
New Year’s
Thursday, December 31
Friday, January 1
Easter
Sunday, March 27
Maple Festival (Chardon Library only)
Saturday, April 23
Sunday, April 24
Library closes at 5 p.m., Thursday, April 21
Memorial Day
Monday, May 30

Library Closings
Our library prides itself on being open and available to the public. When it is necessary to close, we notify television and radio stations as well as post this information on GeaugaLibrary.net and our Facebook page. 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.

*Thursday morning hours begin when new Newbury location is open.