



Press Release

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GCPL introduces Club Ink, with writing workshops, author presentations and cultural events

Geauga County – June 15, 2017 – Geauga County Public Library is proud to introduce Club Ink, offering an engaging series of events and workshops celebrating culture and the written and spoken word. We are bringing a lineup of outstanding writers to Geauga County this year and into 2018. The action kicks off in July and features:

- **Rachele Alpine**, July 5, 7 p.m., Chardon*
- **Thrity Umrigar**, Aug. 2, 7 p.m., Geauga West**
- **Keith Manos**, Sept. 6, 7 p.m., Chardon*
- **Lindsay Ward**, Sept. 9, Chardon*
- **Johnny Ray Miller**
Sept. 23, 2 p.m., Middlefield
Oct. 11, 7 p.m., Chardon*
Nov. 12, 2 p.m., Bainbridge
- **Michael Hingson**, Sept. 16, 2 p.m., Newbury**
- **Dan Chaon**, Oct. 4, 7 p.m., Chardon*
- **Mindy McGinnis**, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Geauga West
- **Jim Sulecki**, Jan. 25, 2018, Geauga West

Club Ink's ongoing events

In addition to these events, Club Ink also features the following annual and recurring programs:

Club Ink's annual Local Author Fair takes place at the Chardon Branch Sat., Sept. 9, 1 - 3 p.m. and features many local authors selling and signing their books.



The Club Ink Writing Workshop takes place the first Wednesday of every month at the Chardon Branch. This is a casual gathering of writers of all genres interested in sharing experiences, critiques, and ideas. Both aspiring authors and seasoned veterans are encouraged to attend. We provide the coffee, tea, and place to gather. No registration required.

Author visit details

GCPL's author lineup includes several workshops with Club Ink as well as presentations that feature authors addressing wider audiences. All events are open to the public as well as Club Ink participants.

Rachele Alpine visits the Club Ink Writing Workshop at the Chardon Branch Wed., July 5, 7 p.m. Alpine is a middle-grade and young adult author. Her works include *You Throw Like a Girl*, *A Void the Size of the World*, and others. Limited seating. Registration required.

Thrity Umrigar visits the Geauga West Branch Wed., Aug. 2, 7 p.m. She is the best-selling author of seven adult books including *If Today Be Sweet*, *Bombay Time*, and *The Story Hour*; she has also published a picture book entitled *When I Carried You in My Belly*. Her books have been published in over a dozen countries and translated into multiple languages. She's won a Lambda Literary Award, the Cleveland Arts Prize, and the Seth Rosenberg Prize. She has also been a finalist for both the PEN/Beyond Margins award and the Society of Midland Authors award. Tickets cost \$10. This event is made possible by the generosity of the Geauga County Library Foundation.

Keith Manos visits the Club Ink Writing Workshop Wed., Sept. 6, 7 p.m. This author and editor has been published in multiple magazines including *Scholastic Coach and Athletic Director*, *Teacher Magazine*, and *Ohio ASCD Journal*. His works include *Wrestling Coaches Survival Guide*, *Writing Smarter*, and *My Last Year of Life (in School)*, among others.

Lindsay Ward comes to the Chardon Branch at 10:30 a.m., Sat., Sept. 9, to host a children's storytime before the Local Author Fair at the Chardon Branch. Ward is a children's author and illustrator whose works include *Brobarians* and *Rosco vs. The Baby*.

Johnny Ray Miller visits GCPL on three different occasions:

- Middlefield Branch, Sat., Sept. 9, 2 p.m.
- Chardon Branch, Wed., Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
- Bainbridge Branch, Sun., Nov. 12, 2 p.m.

Miller is the author of the book *When We're Singin': The Partridge Family and Their Music*. He is also an actor, director, and producer who has worked on shows such as *Desperate Housewives* and *E.R.*



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Michael Hingson visits GCPL at the Newbury Auditorium Sat., Sept. 16. Not only will attendees learn the inspirational story of how Hingson, blind, escaped from the Twin Towers on 9/11 with his seeing-eye dog Roselle, they'll also get to meet his new seeing-eye dog, Africa, who happily signs "pawtographs." Rescue Village will be on site, along with GCPL's Fun Bus Bookmobile. Hingson's book about his escape, *Thunder Dog*, is a *New York Times* bestseller and will be available for purchase after the event. Hingson has appeared on Animal Planet, the Discovery Channel, and many other stations and television shows. This event is made possible by the generosity of the Geauga County Library Foundation.

Dan Chaon leads the Club Ink Writing Workshop at the Chardon Branch Wed., Oct. 4. Chaon is a national bestselling author of novels and short stories. He's won an Academy Award in Literature and was finalist for the Story Prize, the National Book Award, and the National Magazine Award in Fiction. Chaon's works include: *Ill Will*, *Await Your Reply* (his national bestseller), *Among the Missing*, and others.

Mindy McGinnis visits the Geauga West Branch Thurs., Nov. 16, 7 p.m. McGinnis is a young adult author, blogger, and librarian. Her merits include winning the 2016 Edgar award best young adult book. Her works include *In a Handful of Dust*, *A Madness So Discreet*, *The Female of the Species*, and others. Her book, *Not a Drop to Drink*, was selected as a Choose to Read Ohio book.

Jim Sulecki will get us in the Super Bowl spirit at the Geauga West Branch Wed., Jan. 24, 2018. Sulecki is currently a business journalist and author of *The Cleveland Rams: The NFL Champs Who Left Too Soon, 1936 - 1945*. His expertise in the matter comes from the stories of his father and grandfather who were both in attendance at the 1945 NFL Championship Game that the Rams won.

GCPL is excited to share these writers with the reading and writing community. Mark your calendars today.

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About the Geauga County Public Library

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service branches in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Geauga West) and Middlefield; two library stations housed in schools in Newbury and Thompson; two Bookmobiles that serve rural areas and community centers; a Lobby Stop vehicle; a car for homebound patrons; and an administrative center where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL has more than 750,000 books and eBooks. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items and 400 research databases available through its website. GCPL is a member of the Clevnet consortium, giving patrons access to more than 12 million items. Learn more about the Geauga County Public Library at the GCPL website, GeaugaLibrary.net.



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