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Ohio author Mindy McGinnis visits GCPL's Geauga West Branch to discuss writing journey

Geauga County – Oct. 19, 2017 – Ohio author Mindy McGinnis visits the Geauga West Branch Thurs., Nov. 16, 7 p.m. to talk about her books and her journey from aspiring to published author. This event is free and open to the public. Registration required.

McGinnis is a young adult author, blogger, and assistant teen librarian who won the 2016 Edgar Award for Young Adult Fiction. Her works include *In a Handful of Dust*, *A Madness So Discreet*, *The Female of the Species*, *This Darkness Mine* (released this October), and others. Her book, *Not a Drop to Drink*, was selected as a Choose to Read Ohio book. McGinnis attended Otterbein University to study English Literature and Religion. She justifies owning nine cats by stating that her two dogs “balance things out nicely.”

Her blog for writing hopefuls, *Writer, Writer Pants on Fire*, includes stories and advice from new and veteran authors, agents, and more. The blog covers everything from getting an agent and submitting your work to seeing your cover, marketing your work, and fighting second novel despair. For the thick-skinned and brave of heart, McGinnis also critiques query letters for her “Saturday Slash.”



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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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