

Press Release

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Mini Golf at GCPL's Geauga West Branch transforms stacks into greens

Geauga County Library Foundation's annual fundraiser supports literacy

Geauga County – February 8, 2018 – Fore! Join fellow library patrons and staff members for a round of indoor golf at the GCPL Links at the Geauga West Branch, where the entire building is converted into an 18-hole golf course for one special day of fun for the whole family. This annual event is the principal fundraiser for the Geauga County Library Foundation.

What: Family event / fundraiser – 18 holes of indoor mini golf, plus a 19th kiddie hole
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Date: Sun., March 18
Place: Geauga West Branch (13455 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland)
Cost: \$5 per person
Tickets are available for purchase at all GCPL locations, and at the door.

Proceeds from the mini golf event support library programs that encourage families to read every day, at every age. Among these are: Baby's First Book (for newborns and their parents at UH Geauga Medical Center), Early Literacy Kits (books with related toys and activities for preschoolers are available to check out from every library), Books and Bears (Kindergarteners throughout the county receive an age-appropriate book along with a teddy bear and a library card), and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (to help families foster a love for reading in their young children and create solid early literacy practices). Money raised also provides funds for adult enrichment such as the North Coast Writers Series (best-selling author speakers), the 100 Book Challenge (adults that read 100 books in two years receive fleece jacket), and countywide events that promote reading and writing.

This event coincides with the Chesterland Kiwanis' pancake breakfast held at the West Geauga Middle School. Feel free to enjoy a delicious breakfast at the school, then walk across the parking lot to burn off a few calories while playing golf. Or, just come to the library ready to sink your shots.

In addition to golfing, there will be family entertainment, a prize auction, and a special kiddie hole for preschoolers.



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.

About the Geauga County Library Foundation

The Geauga County Library Foundation was chartered as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Ohio in 1989 to inspire library programs and service by providing assistance to the Geauga County Public Library and to ensure that the public library system continues to meet the present needs of the community, as well as grow to meet future challenges. The Foundation's goals are to improve the library collection; provide additional library services; offer reading enrichment programs; and sponsor cultural and educational programs. Learn more at the [GCPL website](#).

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Caption: The Geauga County Library Foundation is sponsoring its annual Mini-Golf fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sun., March 18, at GCPL's Geauga West Branch (13455 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland). Tickets (\$5 per person) are available at all GCPL locations.