



Friends' Footnotes

East Geauga Friends
of the Library

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"If I Were an Eagle" sculpture by Tim King donated to Middlefield Library by EGFL on May 15, 2009

What's New with the Friends...

The East Geauga Friends of the Library had two significant changes in 2017. In May we lost our Treasurer and Book Sale Room Coordinator, Dorothy Allen. Then in December, President Hope Merryfield passed away after a short illness.

They both had great impacts on the Friends group and guided us to having a very successful book sale room. Hope and Dorothy were also great promoters of libraries and reading among our community and each received the prestigious Chapman Award from the Geauga County Library Foundation—Hope in 2004 and Dorothy in 2014. We will miss their dedica-

tion to the Middlefield Library.

On May 11, 2018, ten volunteers and former members met to reorganize the EGFL and set some goals. President Linda Smallwood, Vice President Pat Steiner, Secretary Kathy Moss and Treasurer Evelyn Darpel were elected to serve on the Executive Committee in 2018.

A discussion was held on having more evening hours for our patrons to enjoy the room with Greg and Joyce Nestor volunteering to open Thursday evenings in the summer months. Karen Pollari will continue opening the room on Tuesday evenings.

A short discussion was held on increasing our membership, perhaps providing and serving refreshments at some of the programs funded by the EGFL, continuing *Friends' Footnotes* newsletter, and giving perks from the Book Sale Room to our members throughout the year.

If you would like to become a member of the East Geauga Friends of the Library, fill out the application on the back page of this newsletter and mail it with your \$5 check or drop it off at the book sale room with your \$5 dues.

Hope to see you soon...

*Kathy Moss
Secretary/Editor*

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The President's Report...

Greetings! We have been very busy selling books in our Friends' Book Sale Room. In 2017 we grossed \$11,400 and as

of April 30, 2018, \$7,218.00. That is a lot of 3/\$1 hardback books and 25 cent paperbacks!

Every dime that we

make is donated back to the library. In 2017 we sponsored both adult and children's programs in the amount of

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Engage, Connect, Inspire ...



Rachael Hartman
Branch Manager

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As part of our recently completed strategic planning process, GCPL defined its purpose: to **engage** our community, **connect** people to all available resources, and **inspire** discovery, learning, and growth. Here at the Middlefield Branch, some of the ways we plan to accomplish this are by continuing to provide great customer service, purchasing materials to fit a variety of interests, offering fun and educational story times, and hosting other interesting programs.

Looking ahead, we have quite a variety of adult programs planned for late summer and fall. For the history buff, we will partner with the Middlefield Historical Society to provide a Walking History tour. During October's Family History Month, we plan to hold programs on the History of the Amish in Geauga County, as well as the First Annual GCPL Family History Month Seminar, featuring multiple genealogy classes

and dedicated research time. If the paranormal is more your thing, we will have programs on Ghost Stories of the Civil War and Bigfoot, among others. For the foodies, there will be Make, Take, and Bake Pumpkin Knot Rolls and Homebrewing Craft Beer, while those crafty ones may enjoy two days of Scrapbook Mania, the Fall make-and-take flower arrangement class with Emily from Flowers by Emily, or the family program, Fall Fairy Gardens. Other interesting programs this fall will include the AARP Smart Driver Course and How Solar Energy is turning Ohio Green.

A couple of major programs will be held at other locations—Celebrate Family History with Sunny Morton, a nationally known presenter on researching genealogy and sharing family stories, will be held at the Geauga West Branch on September 22nd. Additionally, a Geauga Holiday Celebration with the Erie

Heights Brass Ensemble, cookies, and Santa will be held on December 2nd at the Newbury Auditorium.

Registration is required for all of these programs, and will begin on August 15th. For more information, watch for the next Lines & Links newsletter, which will be out about that time. As always, we want to thank the Friends, for we truly could not provide all of these great programs without their generous support.

Feel free to contact me if you would like to hear more about our strategic plan, have suggestions for future programs, or have any questions.

I can be reached at 440-632-1961 ext. 2585 or at rhartman@geaugalibrary.net.

Rachael Hartman
Manager



Summer Has Begun...

Summer Reading has begun! The most popular parts of summer reading at the library is our incentive programs. There is something for everyone at the Middlefield Library this summer—for children, teens, and adults. Read and enter to win prizes all summer long! New this year is the option to do our paperless online summer reading program. You can log activities or enter books read all from your home computer. Visit

www.geaugalibrary.net

for more information, or drop in. Don't worry, we still have the paper option available, too! Stop into the library to sign up to read and earn prizes this summer. Children and teens are invited to track their reading and other fun activities to win a free book and enter into larger prize drawings. There are also weekly drawings for adults who enter the books they've been reading. Sign up has begun so stop into the library to get started.

Reading and Feeding is coming to Middlefield this summer! United

Way, Women United and the Geauga County Public Library are in the planning stages of providing healthy snacks and lunches to children and families this summer. Keeping in mind that families on the Free and Reduced Lunch Plan struggle to keep their children fed during the summer months, Women United will join the Fun Bus (Bookmobile) at select sites, including Mineral Lake Park in Middlefield, to distribute healthy snacks and bagged lunches along with free books. Storytime will be provided during the Mineral Lake Park stop from approximately 11:30-12:45 on the following Mondays: June 11, 18, July 2, 9, 16, 30, Aug. 6, 13, 27. Please note that we are still finalizing some details about **Reading and Feeding** but hope the bagged lunch portion will begin in late June and details may still change. Please call Mobile Services at 440-632-9496 for the latest details.

As always, there are lots of fun and interesting programs going on at

the library during the summer. Here are just some of what is happening this summer at the Middlefield Library. You can register online at www.geaugalibrary.net or by calling the Middlefield Branch at 632-1961.

Kindness Rocks

June 1 -- June 30
(Available every day during open hours, while supplies last)

Grab a kit and paint a rock. Leave your rock somewhere to inspire or brighten the day of someone else. Kindness rocks. All ages.

LEGOs Rock the Library

June 1—June 30 (Every day during open hours)
For every item you check out, add LEGOs to our group creation. What can we build together?

Let's go on a **Story Walk** at the Middlefield Branch, all month long. Stop in and read your way through a story around the children's department. Grab a take-home activity and enter our I Spy contest at the end. June's

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Kara Walker, Head of Youth Services/ Assistant Manager

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story: *I Know a Shy Fellow Who Swallowed a Cello*



Family Storytime

Mondays, Jun. 4 — Aug. 6, 7 p.m.

All ages. No registration required.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, Jun. 5—Aug. 7, 10 a.m.

Ages 18 months—3 years, with caregiver. No registration required.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, Jun. 5 — Aug. 7, 11 a.m.

All ages. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, Jun. 6 -- Aug. 8, 10 a.m.

Ages 3-5. No registration required.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays, Jun. 6 -- Aug. 8, 11 a.m.

Birth - 18 months, with caregiver. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, Jun. 7—Aug. 9, 10 a.m.

Ages 3-5. No registration required.



Toddler Storytime

Thursday, Jun. 7—Aug. 9, 11 a.m.

Ages 18 months—3 years, with caregiver. No registration required.

A Matter of Balance

Tuesdays, Jun. 5, 7, 12, 14, 18, 21, 26, and 28 at 1 p.m.

A Matter of Balance uses trained coaches to teach older adult exercises that will help with strengthening and balance. Each class in this weekly program builds upon the previous week, so plan to attend all eight sessions. Presented by UH Geauga Medical Center & Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Exploration Stations

Grades K-5

See curiosity in action with STEAM-inspired programs that encourage discovery, investigation, and play with art, science, nature, and more!

Friday, June 22 @ 2 p.m.: **Dinosaurs rock**

Wednesday, June 27 @ 2 p.m.: **Buzzing bees**

Tuesday, July 10 @ 7 p.m.: **Art creations**

Tuesday, July 17 @ 2 p.m.: **Rocks rock**

Saturday, July 28 @

1 p.m.: **Rockin' roller coasters**
Thursday, Aug 2 @ 2 p.m.: **Let's play: games & toys**

Friday night @ the movies: Musicals

Fridays, July 6, August 3, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a family movie, popcorn, and a take-home activity. No registration required.

August 3: *The Wizard of Oz*

Reading to Rover

Saturdays, July 14, August 11, 10 a.m.

Read aloud to a therapy dog this summer to keep your reading skills sharp.

Preschool Tinkerlab

Fridays, Jun. 15, July 13, and August 10, 10 a.m.

or call (440) 632-1961.

Ages 2-5 with caregiver 440-632-1961 Playful programs that encourage tinkering, curiosity, and creativity.

June 15: **Construction**

July 13: **Dinosaurs**

August 10: **DUPLOS**

Library Lock-in

Saturday, Jun. 16, 5:30-10 p.m.

Come to this after-hours event to work on

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“Friday night @ the movies—Join us for a family movie, popcorn, and a take-home activity. No registration required.”



Welcome to the Middlefield Library Reference Desk...

The **Reference Desk** is the place where you can get information about the things you want to know. Whether you want to know the title of the next book in a series, how to put books on hold, dates or information about a historical or current event, how to use the computer or find Websites on the Internet, or even how to download the library's electronic resources such as HOOPLA, Overdrive, Libby, and Zinio / RB Digital magazine to your electronic devices, our reference staff is ready to help!

Our reference staff consists of 6 Adult Services Librarians and 4 Youth Services Librarians. The Adult Services Librarians create ideas for library displays and select and purchase books, music, movies, and other materials for our adult collection. They also partner with local businesses and individuals to bring programs to the library and outside venues. The Youth Services Librarians provide age appropriate library programs for children and teens, select, purchase and maintain books and materials that makes up the children



and teen collection, and work closely with schools and educators including; home schools, Amish schools, early childhood, parents and caregivers to provide age appropriate materials, information, and programs. All Reference staff work at the reference desk to provide information to all patrons' questions whether patrons visit the library, phone in, or email us.

*Carol Johnson
Head of Adult Services*



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The President’s Report continued...

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\$11,875. We also participated in the Chamber of Commerce Grinch program by purchasing 100 hardback books that were personally signed by the Grinch and given to each family in attendance. There were so many children that we ran out. The Friends of the Library have already voted to purchase another 250 books for the

2018 program.

Our longtime volunteers are: Kathy Blasius, Becky Holzheimer, Donna Sanislo, Karen Pollari, Juanita Basey, Evelyn Darpel, Pat Steiner, and Kathy Moss. We welcome new volunteers: Rodney Giel, Judy Farrell, Marcia Nedved, Greg Nestor, Joyce Nestor, Marilyn Reckart and Bertha Gingerich.

Thank you so much to these people who give their time so freely.

Please stop in to the Book Sale Room and browse our ever-changing selection and make it a point to attend one of the great programs. You will be glad you did!

*Linda Smallwood
President*





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Kathy Moss, Editor

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your genealogy, needlecraft, or scrapbooking projects! Snacks provided. Registration required.

Gizmos & Gadgets

Wednesday, Jun. 20, 3 p.m.

Join us to play around with some new technology and STEM fun. Teens, grades 6 - 12

5 Retirement Income Questions You Should Answer Before You Retire

Wednesday, Jun. 20, 7 p.m.

People don't plan to fail, but they fail to plan. Find out what 5 Questions you should answer about retirement income before you retire. Presented by Tom Erb, Financial Advisor. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Wells Fargo.

*Kara Fennell Walker
Head of Youth Services*

The Friends of the Library was established to support the branch library in our community. We are known as the East Geauga Friends of the Library because all of Eastern Geauga County visits the Middlefield Library.

You can become a member of the East Geauga Friends of the Library by filling out the application below.

East Geauga Friends of the Library

Membership Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Yearly Dues:

() \$ 5.00 Individual

() \$ 100.00 Lifetime Membership

Makes checks payable to: **East Geauga Friends of the Library**

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