



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

A New Look Coming to Middlefield...

Summer 2019 is going to be quite busy at the Middlefield Branch of GCPL. We will be beginning a building remodel that will last several months. The remodeling will include some cosmetic touches, like fresh paint and new carpeting, but also some more significant additions.

We will be enlarging our much-used study rooms, enabling groups of up to six to use them. We will be opening up the building by removing some interior walls and adding more seating. We will be relocating some shelves to better meet ADA requirements and updating both the check-out and reference desks to better serve our patrons. We will also be adding self-check stations for those who like the independence of

using these quick options.

The library plans to remain open during construction, and all staff will be on hand to offer our usual great customer service. Some areas of the library may not be accessible during portions of the project, but we will do our best to get you whatever you need, when you need it. Unfortunately, our meeting rooms will not be available during construction, as those rooms will be used as temporary reference or shelving areas while the usual spots are work zones.

As a result, we will be doing fewer programs inside the building this summer, but you will be able to find us out and about in the area. Summer reading programs



*Rachael Hartman
Manager*

will be available, as usual. Check the next issue of Lines & Links, due out in late April, for more details about program dates and locations.

We hope you'll continue to stop in throughout the remodeling project to visit with staff, see what is new and, of course, take advantage of all the great materials and services the library has to offer!

*"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life."
- Sidney Sheldon*

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- **EGFL donates \$13,700 to library**
- **New Circulation Head**
- **Introduction to Mobile Services**



An EGFL Update from the President...



Linda Smallwood

President

“The dues, candy and book sales for 2018 grossed \$16,400 and the EGFL returned \$13,700, through the course of the year, back to the library.”



This past year brought about some changes to the book sale room. In memory of Dorothy Allen, who helped convince the GCPL Board to construct our rooms and ran it until her health prevented her from doing so, the East Geauga Friends requested the name be changed to the Dorothy G. Allen Friends Room. This request was granted and we'll soon be adding the name to the door.

We also were granted permission to place a “reading” area on the south side of the front sidewalk, complementing our bronze sculpture on the north side. This will be constructed in memory of our longtime President, Hope Merryfield. We are very grateful for receiving gifts in Hope's memory of \$2,405, which will be used toward this project.

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Some of the programs The East Geauga Friends of the Library helped to sponsor were: Creative Journaling, James A. Garfield and Civil Rights, Presidents Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln, Folk Songs across the American Songbook, Midwest Railroad, Grams, Gramps and the Little Ones, Make Take and Bake Cinnamon Bread, Welcoming Home the Bluebird, Make and Take Essential Oil Spray, Make and Bake Challah Bread, The Veil Between Heaven and Earth, 25 Ways to Organize Your Home This Spring, Small Gifts from the Heart, Edible Flowers from the Garden to the Kitchen, a Monthly Trivia Program, Lost Cleveland, Socialites Sci-Fi and Spies Music, Your Utilities Tune-up, Library Lock-in, Wells Fargo Retirement Coaching Programs, A Celebration of Animation, Medicare Made Easy, A Matter of Balance, One-on-One Tech Clinics, Composting 101, History of the American Musical, Now What Was I Saying?, Cutting the Cable, How

to Stream and Download Digital Materials, Finding Obituaries and Family History in Digitized Newspapers, Chart Your Ancestors with Free Genealogy Software, History of Classical Music, Red Cross Blood Drive, Paper Wreath Classes, Round Table Writer's Forum, Rocking Through History Education & Research at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Chardon Polka Band, Summer Reading, Storytime, Lego Block Party, Fairy Gardens, Elf Academy, Movin' to Music, AARP Smart Driver Course, Protecting Against Elder Abuse, Medicare Basics, Genealogy Seminar, Paint and Sip, Wearable Aromatherapy, Fall Make and Take Floral Arrangement, Make Take & Bake Pumpkin Knots.

We also purchased materials for the Middlefield Library including: shelving, STEM and Makerspace materials for older school age and teens and piano tuning.

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Meet Candi Daw, Head of Circulation...

Hi! Let me introduce myself. My name is Candi Daw. I am the Head of Circulation and Shelving departments at the Middlefield Branch of GCPL. I have lived in Middlefield for the past 20 years and have been employed by GCPL since March of 2014. I love my community and I love my job!

If you're not familiar with the duties of the Circulation department, these are the nice ladies who welcome you to the

Library upon entering. The Circulation clerks check in all the items you return and check out all your items once you've made your selections. The clerks are also very good at recommending new titles and engaging authors. This is just a glimpse of some of their daily assignments.

The shelving department is a much more behind the scenes group. These are the folks who are responsi-

ble for getting everything back to its correct location! Cart after cart, the collective efforts of this team are impressive. You may see a shelver when you are searching for an item in the Library, and often they can point you in the right direction!

Hopefully, this gives you some understanding of the responsibilities of these departments.



Candi Daw

Programs...By: Carol Johnson

Middlefield Library has the greatest programs!

The Middlefield Library is a great place to enjoy fantastic programs. We have programs for everyone. Our programs attract and engage pa-

trons of all ages and various interests. Our programs includes story time, art, crafts, genealogy, DIY, technology, car care, and money smarts.

One of our recent pro-

grams was presented by a local historian, Paul Goebbel, and his wife about the John Wilkes Booth trial. This couple presented in full early nineteenth century attire.



Carol Johnson

EGFL Update continued...

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We ended the year by purchasing 250 hardback *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* books, supporting the Middlefield Chamber of Commerce's Merry Middle-

field. Each family who came to visit the Grinch received a free book.

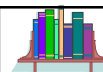
Stop in the Dorothy G. Allen Friends Room Monday through Saturday from 12-3 and help

us keep these great programs going!

Linda Smallwood
President



Paul Goebbel



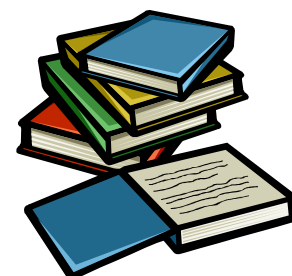
Did You Know...

The Adult Services is responsible for book selection. I select books for the regular adult fiction and nonfiction collection in Middlefield. One of my Adult Services Assistants selects books for the inspira-

tion collection for the entire library system. Another Adult Services Assistant selects the paperbacks, romance and westerns for the adult collection here at Middlefield. The head of Youth Services is re-

sponsible for selecting the children's and teen books.

Carol Johnson



Greetings from the Road...

While Mobile Services is separate from Middlefield, we are neighbors and share much of the same space. When I moved from Middlefield Library to become the Mobile Services Manager, I thought I had a good idea about what Mobile Services entailed. I was wrong! There was a lot more than I ever realized despite working right next door for several years. The department remains a mystery to many people. So let's pull back the curtain and peek inside.

Mobile Services consists of three vehicles that make about 60 total stops per week:

The "Bookmobile" is the biggest vehicle measuring in at 35 feet and carries about 4,000 items. It can be found on the country backroads serving our Amish patrons.

The "Fun Bus" is a 30-foot bookmobile containing about 3,500 items. It visits preschools, parks, and other community stops around the county. It also makes special event appearances. Check out the library program calendar for our summer schedule.

The "Lobby Stop" is the only vehicle that patrons do not board. We take carts of items off the Lobby Stop and bring

them into various facilities including the senior centers, Briar Hill and other assisted living facilities, Notre Dame, and the YMCA.

While we don't check out as many items as Middlefield, we are still very busy. We served over 40,000 people in 2018. In addition, we checked out over 420,000 items and are typically the third highest circulating GCPL "branch" each month (and sometimes #2!). Last year, we were the highest circulating Mobile Services Department in Clevnet.

This is just the surface of Mobile Services and we hope that you will visit us on the road!



Nick Fagan





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Kathy Moss, Editor

“If I Were an Eagle”



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: _____

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