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GCPL and United Way repeat “Reading and Feeding” program

GCPL’s Mobile Services and Women United team up to help children and families

Geauga County – May 10, 2019 – Last summer’s “Reading and Feeding” program was such a big hit that it will be offered again this summer! Children on the Free and Reduced Lunch Plan during the school year are often at risk of not having enough to eat during the summer. Recognizing this situation, United Way Services of Geauga County’s Women United group and GCPL’s Mobile Services joined forces to address these needs and ensure that this population has access to food and books during the summer.

Since Mobile Services routinely visits areas populated with people who qualify for this plan, it was a logical decision for United Way to collaborate with the library. “Keeping in mind that families on the Free and Reduced Lunch Plan struggle to keep their children fed during the summer months, Women United is pleased to join Mobile Services at select sites to distribute snacks and bagged lunches along with free books,” says Betsy Covington, Engagement Manager for United Way Services of Geauga County.

The partnership around 1,000 breakfasts and lunches and 1,500 books last year. It’s important that people have access to food and books all year. “We’ve got the ability to get books to families across the county,” says Nick Fagan, Mobile Services Manager. “Working with United Way, we’re able to now help deliver food to people who need it.”

Reading and Feeding volunteers follow the Bookmobile in their cars to deliver food to families in need, beginning in June and concluding in August. Locations include: Leaders Mobile Home Community, Rustic Pines, Mineral Lake Park, Scranton Woods, and select special events.

The schedule runs:

Mineral Lake Park, Middlefield

Every other Monday -- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

6/10/2019
6/24/2019
7/8/2019
7/22/2019
8/5/2019
8/19/2019

Scranton Woods, Newbury

Every other Thursday --- 3 – 4 p.m.

6/13/2019
6/27/2019
7/11/2019
7/25/2019
8/8/2019
8/22/2019

Leaders Mobile Home Community, Chardon

Every other Wednesday --- 3 - 4:15 p.m.

6/12/2019
6/26/2019
7/10/2019
7/24/2019
8/7/2019
8/21/2019

Rustic Pines, Thompson

Every other Wednesday -- 3:30-4:20 p.m.

6/5/2019
6/19/2019
7/3/2019
7/17/2019
7/31/2019
8/14/2019
8/28/2019

The schedule is subject to change. Call Mobile Services (440-632-9496) to confirm days and times.

About the Geauga County Public Library

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service branches in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Gauga West) and Middlefield, two library stations housed in schools in Newbury and Thompson, and a Mobile Services fleet that serves rural areas and community centers. Its administrative center is located in Chardon, where technical

services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL houses more than 750,000 books and digital books. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items. About 400 research databases are available via 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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Caption: GCPL is partnering again with United Way Services of Geauga County's Women United group to bring "Reading and Feeding" to select locations from June – August 2019. This service benefits children who are often at risk of not having enough to eat during the summer.