



Friends' Footnotes

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

Coming Soon to Middlefield...

If you have visited the library lately, you probably noticed that we are not under construction...yet. Our start date was delayed a bit from the original plan, but we will be starting the remodeling project in August. Although construction dates are often changeable, here is the timeline that we have at present:

First up will be the children's and reference desk areas. In mid-July, in preparation for the project, the reference desk will be temporarily relocated, as will CDs and teen books. The internet stations will be moving up the aisle to where the CDs are currently, again temporarily. Both music and teen books will be relocated to the conference room for a few months, where patrons may browse and borrow as usual.

During most of August, the children's area will be a work zone. We

are planning to move as much of the collection as we can into our large meeting room so that people are still able to browse for books. When that area is completed at the end of August, Phase 2 will move the work to the adult non-fiction and inspirational areas, and the same plan of moving those collections into the meeting room will happen. This portion of the project should only take a few weeks.

Phase 3 will involve building new study rooms and will affect the fireplace/magazine and paperback areas. It should take about a month and be done in mid-October. Phase 4 is the AV Room and current teen area. Never fear, your movies and audio books will be moved to the meeting room during this phase.

Lastly, Phase 5 will be the front entrance and circulation desk. This will take place in No-



vember, and everything should be back in place by Thanksgiving, we hope.

We will still be doing some programs this fall. Children's story times and programs will continue in the story hour room, which will no longer be in the construction zone by mid-September. Some adult programs will be moved off-site to the Senior Center or the Historical Society. Thanks to both of those organizations for their generous accommodation. We will still be a polling place for Middlefield Township. We will still be checking out materials, placing holds, and answering reference questions. In short, it will be business as usual, if a little bit dustier.

*Rachael Hartman
Branch Manager*

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"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."

– Andrew Carnegie



G.C.P.L. Construction Update...



Ed Worso, Director

Construction projects keep rolling on. We are really in the calm before the storm between the GMP (guaranteed maximum price) phase and the start of bidding on projects for the new buildings. Renovations will really be just around the corner and before you know it we will be breaking ground. There are so many moving parts. Thankfully we have a full team of highly skilled professionals guiding us through the process. Even so, there are some bumps in the road. For example, one bump has

been ensuring the proper utilities are available and will be hooked up in time. For the electrical service, the owner is required to submit a request for new service at least 16 weeks out. The request was submitted via fax in December 2018. When May was nearing its end, I reached out to see where we stood in the process. They were unable to find anything on record about such a request but they would send it up the chain of command to a manager. Yesterday I finally got a call from a real life

friendly human and he promised to help make this happen. Breaking ground for the buildings will likely happen in October, so we are still in time being 16 weeks out. But we were pretty close. And that's how this stuff can go.

If you have time, visit the construction blog on the website where I try to post regular updates as well as images as they are available. They will be fast and furious in the coming months.

*Edward Worso
Director, GCPL*

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THIS SUMMER, MIDDLEFIELD IS BLASTING INTO A UNIVERSE OF STORIES.

Join the Middlefield library on a galactic literary journey!!

Travel with us through a journey of books and discover the wonderful places these stories will take you. Our Summer Reading program is for readers of all ages: children, teens, and adults. There are weekly prizes for adults and teens and all summer

reading program participants will have a chance to win a grand prize within each category.

Don't forget to ask about our ongoing adult reading programs including our book club and our 100-book challenge.

Our book club meets the second Thursday of every month here at the

library in our small meeting room. The book for July is "Grocery" by Michael Ruhlman.

Sign up for the 100-book challenge at the Reference desk. When you complete the 100-book challenge, you get a free jacket.

*Carol Johnson
Adult Services*





Meet Margaret Chatfield, Children Services

Hello! My name is Margaret Chatfield. I am the head of youth services. I began here at the Middlefield Library in January 2019. I transferred to Middlefield from Geauga West where I had been since 2015.

I always wanted to be a librarian; it just seems like it took me a little while to achieve that goal. As a little girl I loved going to Cleveland Public Library, Harvey Rice branch. I was in awe at the librarians. Back then I thought they had to know everything in the world. Now I know they just need to know how to find everything. My first library job was

in college. I attended Hiram College, and I helped out in the technical processing department. Checking in magazines and filing catalog cards were some of my responsibilities.

Many years passed after college and I had the opportunity to attend Catholic University in Washington D. C. to pursue a Master of Science in Library Science. I began working in an academic library, Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. I worked in the Elise N. Hofheimer Art library and loved the university environment. Soon an opportunity to work in youth services at Chesapeake

Public Library system in Virginia became available. I knew it would be a big change leaving an academic library for a public library, but I took the chance. Ever since then I have worked happily in youth services. In addition to Chesapeake, I have worked at Portsmouth Free Library in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, and at Shaker Heights Public Library. I enjoy working in youth services. It is always very busy planning and implementing new programs to assure the children love their library and become lifelong readers.



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Community Relations Coordinator...

The Geauga County Public Library has a purpose that guides us in everything we aspire to do. It is to ***Engage*** our communities, ***Connect*** people to all available resources, and ***Inspire*** discovery, learning and growth. As part of our commitment to our vision of an informed, engaged and connected community, I was hired

as our Community Relations Coordinator. I’m a Geauga County native and former Bainbridge and Geauga West branch frontline staffer.

My primary focus is to cultivate, enhance, and synergize GCPL’s relationships in the community. These relationships give the library the opportunity to demon-

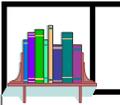
strate our value to the public and opens communication for us to listen to the needs of Geauga County residents.

One of my priorities is to work alongside our Friends of the Library groups to offer support and act as a liaison to ensure the success of

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our most valued advocates. This may include helping with fundraising, marketing, recruitment, and creating awareness of the Geauga County Friends of the Library.

You'll likely see me nosing around at library events and book sales, or perhaps sitting in at your meetings or hanging around the Geauga County Fair Book Sale this Labor Day. Please say hello and share with me your vision for our community.

Becki Gierman



Friends' Update...

The Dorothy G. Allen Friends' room welcomed back our Snowbird volunteers. Stop in and say hi to Greg and Joyce Nestor on Thursday evenings and Kathy Moss on Friday afternoons. We also gained a new volunteer. Rick Kaleda is our new substitute and also has been working a split shift on Thursday afternoons. He is very friendly and welcoming and we are lucky to have him.

The Friends had their annual meeting in May to review 2018 and to talk about new projects for 2019. We are still working on the Hope Merryfield memorial. The library administration has recommended a new location and we are working on the move. Our members receive free perks during the year. This summer they are able to purchase 10 paperbacks for \$1 and also receive 3 hardback books for free. The election of officers was held and remain the same: Linda Smallwood, President; Pat Steiner, Vice President, Kathy Moss Secretary and Evelyn Darpel as Treasurer.

We have financed many fun and inspiring programs at the library this year so far and I hope that you are taking advantage of them. All of the money from the Friends' room goes back into the library and we thank all of our patrons. We currently have a new stock of DVDs and a great selection of cookbooks. Please keep us in mind when you are weeding out your house. We accept clean books in good shape. We are unable to accept textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries and magazines older than 2018.

Linda Smallwood, President