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## Press Release

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### **GCPL introduces the Mobile Memory Lab**

*Lab allows patrons to preserve their memories with state-of-the-art equipment*

**Geauga County – September 9, 2019** – Geauga County Public Library is pleased to introduce the Mobile Memory Lab, a traveling collection of equipment that will allow patrons to capture, record, and preserve important parts of their personal history.

The GCPL Mobile Memory Lab consists of a Desktop PC loaded with various image, audio, and video editing software, including, but not limited to, Adobe Creative Cloud, Audacity, and GIMP. Along with the software, there are a host of peripherals for scanning and digitizing your photos, negatives, slides, 8mm/Super 8 film, VHS tapes, vinyl records, and cassettes. It also has a converter tape that will allow you to digitize Super VHS tapes, a high-quality USB microphone to capture digital audio/oral histories, and a high-speed photo/document scanner for bulk digitization of photos and documents.

The Lab will be housed at different Branches on a rotating schedule, beginning with Chardon, Geauga West, and the Administrative Center Branch this fall, and continuing through all GCPL locations next year.

In order to use the Mobile Memory Lab, patrons must first attend an orientation session at any of the dates and locations listed below:

#### **Chardon**

[Fri., Oct. 4, 2 p.m.](#)

[Sun., Oct. 6, 2 p.m.](#)

[Tues., Oct. 8, 7 p.m.](#)

#### **Geauga West**

[Tues., Nov. 19, 2 p.m.](#)

[Sat., Nov. 23, 3 p.m.](#)

[Mon., Nov. 25, 7 p.m.](#)

### **Administrative Center Branch**

[Wed., Dec. 4, 2 p.m.](#)

[Fri., Dec. 6, 2 p.m.](#)

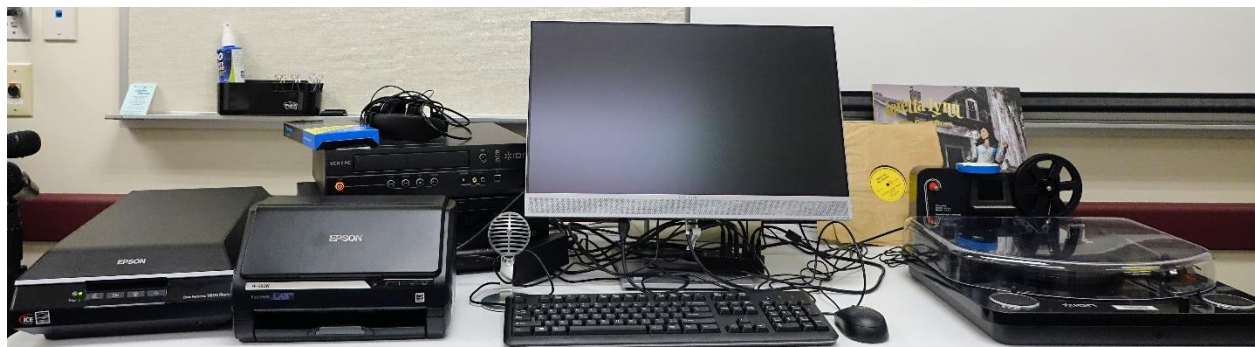
[Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.](#)

The orientation covers how to use the items in the Lab and provides hands-on training. In addition to mandatory orientation sessions, patrons must also sign a waiver and supply their own storage media (jump drive, DVD-R, CV-R). Direct specific questions to reference staff.

### **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, along with a full-service public library space with limited hours of service (Monday – Friday only). GCPL houses more than 750,000 books and digital books. The collection also contains nearly 70,000 audio / video items. About 75 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](#).

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Caption: The Mobile Memory Lab, a traveling collection of equipment that allows patrons to capture, record, and preserve important parts of their personal history, will travel to all GCPL Branches. Patrons must attend an orientation session before using the Lab.