At GCPL, we make it our purpose to engage, connect, and inspire our community all year long. From storytimes to author events, from local history to gardening, we build memories together week in and week out. For many of us, the New Year presents a chance to reflect on the past with a mind toward the future, where new opportunities and memories await. As your community hub of discovery, learning, and growth, we know the importance of embracing the future while preserving and learning from the past, and this is evident in our upcoming programs and innovative new equipment and materials.

PRESERVING OUR PASTS

We understand the value of memories—those records of a life lived—and how they help us tell our stories and the stories of our loved ones. With this in mind, we invite you to preserve your memories through use of our Mobile Memory Lab, a traveling collection of equipment that allows you to capture, record, and preserve important parts of your personal history. With the capability to digitize photos, negatives, slides, 8mm/Super 8 film, VHS/Super VHS tapes, vinyl records, cassettes, and more, the Mobile Memory Lab is a powerful vehicle for maintaining important moments of life for generations to come.

The Mobile Memory Lab will be housed at different Branches on a rotating schedule.

To use the Mobile Memory Lab, patrons must first attend an orientation session to learn how to operate this user-friendly equipment. See pg. 14 for upcoming sessions.

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LOOKING TO THE PAST TO BETTER OUR PRESENT
In January and February, GCPL will host the Geauga Civil Rights Series, a collection of programs across the county to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to celebrate Black History Month by hosting speakers and programs that initiate community conversations about race, equality, and social freedom. See pg. 10 for details on these events.

In March, GCPL will celebrate Women’s History Month with several programs honoring women’s suffrage and women’s rights, often through the experiences of the women who fought to make many of these historic changes possible. See pg. 7 for details on these events.

Through these all-ages events, we hope to engage our community to look back to the past with hopes of making a better, more inclusive Geauga County.

LOOKING UP AND LOOKING FORWARD
If we operate under the idea that “the future is what we make it,” we can count on the upcoming season of programs to be one of growth and inspiration. With all the looking forward and backward, you can count on constants like storytimes and book discussions in addition to our host of local history, gardening, literary, and other programs. You can count on our annual mini golf fundraiser for the Geauga County Library Foundation in March and the Maple Festival book sale at Chardon in April. You can count on the growth of new partnership programs like the Geauga Skywatchers Club, where we inspire the next generation of aspiring scientists in our community by “Looking Up.”

We are grateful that you choose to make memories with us. We count on you to inspire us to offer you opportunities to engage and connect with your community in myriad ways. Read through the pages that follow and join us at the library soon!
Registration required for all Chardon and Geauga West storytimes. Registration start date is December 15. Registration is not required at Bainbridge (except special storytimes), Middlefield, Newbury, or Thompson.

Help Me Grow: You and me art
Birth – age 3
Chardon
Fri., Jan. 10, 10 a.m.
Middlefield
Fri., Feb. 7, 10 a.m.
Geauga West
Fri., March 13, 10 a.m.

Help Me Grow presents a fun-filled morning of sensory exploration. Squishing, tearing, and scribbling are all part of the enjoyment as your children use their senses during this early-learning art experience.

Chardon ○ 440-285-7601

Registration is required.

Babytime
Birth - 18 months, with caregiver
Mondays: Jan. 20 - April 13, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Preschool storytime
Ages 3-5, with caregiver
Mondays: Jan. 20 - April 13, 11 a.m.
Thursdays: Jan. 23 - April 16, 2 p.m.

Family storytime
All ages and families
Tuesdays: Jan. 21 - April 14, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Jan. 22 - April 15, 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Jan. 23 - April 16, 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Toddler storytime
18 months - 3 years, with caregiver
Wednesdays: Jan. 22 - April 15, 10 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

Middlefield ○ 440-632-1961

No registration required.

Preschool tinkerlabs
Ages 2 -5
Fridays: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, April 3, 10 a.m.
Playful program to encourage tinkering, curiosity, and creativity.

Toddler storytime
18 months - 2 years , with caregiver
Tuesdays: Jan. 21 - March 31, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays: Jan. 23 – April 2, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Family storytime
All ages
Tuesdays: Jan. 21 – March 31, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Preschool story time
Ages 3 – 5, independent or with caregiver.
Wednesdays: Jan. 22 – April 1, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays: Jan. 23 – April 2, 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Special Middlefield Storytimes

Storytime STEAM
Ages 3 - 5 with caregiver
Fridays: Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 27, April 24, 10 a.m.
We’ll use some favorite picture books to create fun hands-on ways to challenge children’s thinking and problem-solving skills.

Tree tale tellers
Grades K - 3
Middlefield: Tues., April 21, 4 p.m.
Newbury: Thurs., April 23, 11:30 a.m. - noon.
Holden Arboretum’s Tree Tale Tellers will come to the library to host a special family storytime in anticipation of Arbor Day.

Geauga West ○ 440-729-4250

Registration is required.

Babytime
Birth - 18 months, with caregiver
Mondays: Jan. 20 - April 13, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Preschool storytime
Ages 3-5, with caregiver
Mondays: Jan. 20 - April 13, 11 a.m.
Thursdays: Jan. 23 - April 16, 2 p.m.

Family storytime
All ages
Tuesdays: Jan. 21 - April 14, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Jan. 22 - April 15, 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Jan. 23 - April 16, 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Toddler storytime
18 months - 3 years, with caregiver
Wednesdays: Jan. 22 - April 15, 10 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

Bainbridge ○ 440-543-5611

No registration required.

Baby storytime
Tuesdays: Jan. 7 – May 5, except March 24, 9:30 a.m.
Join us for songs, stories, and bounces with your baby. Stay and play with toys and socialize. Infants with caregiver.

Baby rhythm and rhyme
Ages 15 - 35 months, with caregiver
Wednesdays: Jan. 8 – May 6, except March 25, 9:30 a.m.
A story, music, and movement program.

Preschool rhythm and rhyme
Ages 3 – 5, with caregiver
Wednesdays: Jan. 8 – May 6, except March 25, 10:30 a.m.
A story, music, and movement program.

Family storytime
All ages
Thursdays: Jan. 9 – May 7, except March 26, 10 a.m.
Join us for stories, music, and crafts.

Special Bainbridge Storytimes

Sensory storytime
All ages, with caregiver
Saturdays: Jan. 25, Feb. 29, March 21, April 18, 10 a.m.
Join us for a storytime in a supportive environment for children with autism and/or sensory integration challenges.

Special Middlefield Storytimes

Storytime STEAM
Ages 3 - 5 with caregiver
Fridays: Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 27, April 24, 10 a.m.
We’ll use some favorite picture books to create fun hands-on ways to challenge children’s thinking and problem-solving skills.

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Early Learning Programs

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Newbury  440-564-7552

Pre-K storytime
Birth – 5 years, with caregiver
Thursdays Jan. 23 – April 9, 11:30 a.m. - noon
Join Miss Sue for stories, music, crafts and dancing.

Thompson  440-298-3831

Family storytime
All ages
Mondays: Feb. 3 – March 23, 7 – 7:45 p.m.
Wednesdays: Feb. 5 – March 25, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Youth and Family

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RECURRING PROGRAMS

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies
All ages
Newbury
Thursdays: Starting Jan. 2, 3:30 - 6 p.m.
Enjoy kid-friendly movies from old favorites to new releases. Popcorn. No registration required.

Little artists
Ages 3 – 5
Geauga West
Thursdays, 11 a.m.
Let your preschooler experience a hands-on art activity and explore their creativity.
Jan. 9: Snow
Feb. 6: Hearts
March 12: Surprise
April 2: Eggs

Homeschool art 1
Grades K – 4
Middlefield
Fridays, 2 p.m.
Study and learn from the masters.
Jan. 10: Roy Lichtenstein
Feb. 7: Andy Warhol
March 13: Keith Haring
April 10: Romero Britto

Try it Tuesday
Grades K – 3, with caregiver
Bainbridge
Tuesdays, 4 p.m.
Jan. 14: Happy Un-birthday
Feb. 11: Mardi Gras fun
March 10: Weird foods
April 14: Experiment with color

Third-grade Thursdays
Grade 3
Geauga West
Thursdays: Jan. 16, Feb. 13, March 12, April 16, 6 p.m.
Just for 3rd graders! Reinforce reading skills with fun stories and activities.

Homeschool science
Grades K – 2
Middlefield
Tuesdays: Jan. 14, March 26, 2 p.m.
Thursdays: Feb. 20, April 16, 2 p.m.
Expand your science curriculum with fun hands-on activities.

Skit in a kit
Grades 2 - 5
Geauga West
Wednesdays: Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 4, April 1, 6 p.m.
Are you a drama queen or king? Explore a kit full of scripts, costumes, and props and create a skit!

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### Meet Rascal Raccoon

**All ages, with caregiver**
- **Geauga West**: Mon., Feb. 3, 6 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Thompson**: Sat., Feb. 8, 2 p.m.
- **Chardon**: Tues., Feb. 11, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Middlefield and Mobile Services**: Fri., Feb. 14, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- **Newbury**: Sun., Feb. 16, special storytime, 2 p.m.
- **Bainbridge**: Fri., Feb. 28, 10 a.m.

Rascal Raccoon will make an appearance and be available for pictures.

### Family movie nights

**All ages**
- **Middlefield**: Fridays: Jan. 31, Feb. 28, March 27, April 24, 6 – 8 p.m.

Enjoy popcorn and a family movie.

### Fourth and fifth grade book club

**Grades 4 – 5**
- **Geauga West**: Mondays: 4:30 p.m.
  - Feb. 3: *A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd
  - March 16: *Double Dog Dare* by Lisa Graff
  - April 27: *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies
- **Middlefield and Mobile Services**: Fri., Feb. 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Newbury**: Sun., Feb. 16, special storytime, 2 p.m.
- **Bainbridge**: Fri., Feb. 28, 10 a.m.

Pick up book in advance and then come for pizza and a fun-filled book discussion.

### Patron Appreciation Days

**All events for all ages**
- **Geauga West**: Mon., Feb. 3, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- **Thompson**: Sat., Feb. 8, noon – 4 p.m.
- **Chardon**: Tues., Feb. 11, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- **Middlefield and Mobile Services**: Fri., Feb. 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Newbury**: Sun., Feb. 16, 1 – 5 p.m.
- **Bainbridge**: Fri., Feb. 28, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

February is Love Your Library Month and the time of year we celebrate our patrons. Stop in any time on listed dates/times to pick up a special thank you treat. Rascal Raccoon will make an appearance. We’d love to hear your stories about the library’s impact on your life and see you post a selfie with your favorite library, book, or library person. Thank you for all your support.

### Movie Tuesdays

**All ages**
- **Chardon**: Tuesdays: Feb. 11 and April 14, 4 – 6 p.m.

Join us for a family-friendly movie. Popcorn.

### Books on tough topics

**Chardon**
- Sat., Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.: "Diversity and inclusion"
- Sat., April 4, 10:30 a.m.: "Feelings and coping strategies"

Parents and caregivers can join us to discuss books that can be used to cover the topics of feelings, emotions, and coping skills with children and teens. During the discussion, children can participate in fun activities in a separate space. *Note: Please only register children. Caregivers do not need to register.

### The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**All ages**
- **Geauga West**: Tues., Feb. 11, 11:30 a.m.
- **Middlefield**: Thurs., Feb. 13, 4 p.m.
- **Bainbridge (Off-site: Centerville Mills Lakeside Building, 8552 Crackel Rd, Chagrin Falls)** Fri., Feb. 14, 11 a.m.
- **Chardon**: Sun., Feb. 16, 2 p.m.

Drop in for a photo-op with The Very Hungry Caterpillar, fun activities, and a snack.

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**JANUARY**

**Clever card games**
Grades K – 5
Chardon
Thurs., Jan. 2, 2 p.m. or 4 p.m.
Enjoy using our new cards to play favorite card games like Go Fish, Crazy Eights, Uno, Rummy, and more.

**Hot chocolate party**
All ages
Geauga West
Sat., Jan. 4, 2 p.m.
Stop by to create a delectable cup of hot chocolate with our toppings bar.

**Little builders**
Birth – 3 years
Chardon
Wed., Jan. 8, 2 – 2:30 p.m.
Play with the library’s collections of fun building toys.

**Distinguished deities**
Grades 3 - 5
Chardon
Thurs., Jan. 16, 4 p.m.
You may know Zeus and Athena, but what about Horus, Freya, and Quetzalcoatl? Discover myths and legends of gods and goddesses from around the world.

**Snow sculpture competition**
All ages
Geauga West
Sat., Jan. 18, 11 a.m.
Put your creativity to the test and build the ultimate snow sculpture. The sculptures can portray anything as long as they are not obscene. Sculptures will be judged at 1 p.m. on the same day. In the event there is not enough snow, an alternate activity will be provided.

**Snowflake stories and a craft**
All ages
Middlefield
Sat., Jan. 18, 11 a.m.
Enjoy stories and make a snowflake.

**Scats, tracks, and mammal facts**
Grades K – 5
Middlefield
Tues., Jan. 21, 4 p.m.
Many mammals leave telltale signs of their presence in our backyards. Join a Geauga Park District naturalist and discover the diversity of mammals in Geauga County.

**National Pie Day**
All ages
Bainbridge
Thurs., Jan. 23, noon – 6 p.m.
Enjoy a free slice of pie. No registration required.

**Winter birds**
Grades K – 2
Chardon
Thurs., Jan. 23, 4 p.m.
Create a special bird feeder to help birds survive our long cold winter. Play bird games and decorate your own bird ID book.

**Chili cookoff**
All ages
Newbury
Sun., Jan. 26, 2 p.m.
Prepare your best recipe and join our 3rd annual competition, or just stop by to taste the creations Geauga County’s finest have to offer.

**Ice and snow**
Grades K – 5
Chardon
Thurs., Jan. 30, 4 p.m.
Study different types of wintery precipitation with our hands-on activities and crafts.

**Captain Underpants**
Grades K – 5
Middlefield
Thurs., Jan. 30, 4 p.m.
Celebrate Captain Underpants!

**Book origami**
All ages
Thompson
Thurs., Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.
Transform an old book into a new work of art. Books and supplies provided.

**Color zoo**
Ages 3 - 5
Chardon
Wed., Feb. 12, 2 - 2:30 p.m.
Enjoy stories and playtime with our collection of colorful animals.

**Wildlife detectives**
Grades K - 3
Geauga West
Thurs., Feb. 13, 7 - 7:45 p.m.
Study various types of wildlife evidence (tracks, droppings, nests, shed and molted material and meal remains) as clues that reveal animal presence and activity.

**Girl Scouts Badge-in-a-Day: Mechanical Engineering – Cranes**
Grades 4 - 5
Off-site event: Centerville Mills Lakeside Building, 8552 Crackel Rd., Chagrin Falls
Sat., Feb. 15, 10 a.m.
Girl Scout Juniors can earn their Mechanical Engineering: Cranes badge in a day. All troops welcome.

**Craft time**
Grades K - 5
Chardon
Wed., Feb. 19, 2 p.m.
Join our library friends for an hour of crafting and creativity.

**Papier-mâché**
Grades 3 – 5
Chardon
Thurs., Feb. 20, 4 p.m.
Join us to craft a papier-mâché creation to take home. This could get messy, so dress accordingly.

**Winter luau**
All ages
Geauga West
Sat., Feb. 22, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Aloha! Beat the winter blues with an indoor beach party including fun crafts, a hula hoop contest (bring your own hula hoop), and traditional hula dance. Light refreshments.

** Feed the birds in winter**
All ages
Middlefield
Sat., Feb. 22, 11 a.m.
Learn about how birds survive in the winter and make a simple bird feeder.

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Mardi Gras Concert with the Erie Heights Brass Ensemble
All ages
Off-site event: Newbury Auditorium, 14775 Auburn Rd, Newbury Sat., Feb. 22, 1 p.m.
Join us as we present the Erie Heights Brass Ensemble performing all your favorite Dixieland tunes. Light refreshments afterwards in Newbury Branch.

Play dough fun!
Grades K – 2
Chardon Thurs., Feb. 27, 4 p.m.
Form, roll, and cookie cut gobs of colorful play doughs to sculpt a creation to take home.

ART SHOW RECEPTION
All ages
Geauga West Sun., March 1, 2 - 5 p.m.
View work from local budding artists from the West Geauga School District. Student art will be displayed for your viewing pleasure throughout the library. No registration required.

Maple sugaring time
Grades K – 5
Middlefield Thurs., March 5, 4 - 4:45 p.m.
Learn how maple sap is transformed into real maple syrup. Try samples. Presented by Geauga Park District.

Kenston Jazz Choir concert
All ages
Off-site event: Bainbridge Townhall, 17826 Chillicothe Rd, Chagrin Falls Thurs., March 5, 7 p.m.
Kenston Varsity Jazz presents "And All That Jazz." Refreshments.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss
All ages
Middlefield Sat., March 7, 10 a.m.
Enjoy a story and a craft as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Eat a rainbow
18 months to age 3, with caregiver
Chardon Wed., March 11, 2 - 2:30 p.m.
Enjoy stories and games as we learn how fun it can be to eat colorful foods to grow healthy and strong. *Note: Please only register children. Caregivers do not need to register.

Learn an Irish dance
All ages
Chardon Sat., March. 14, 10 a.m.
Get ready for St. Patrick's Day by learning an easy Irish line dance

WOMEN IN HISTORY: SOJOURNER TRUTH
All ages
Bainbridge Mon., March 2, 7 p.m.
Hear the story of African-American abolitionist, Civil War nurse, and suffragist, Sojourner Truth. Actress Robin Echols Copper will share stories about this remarkable historical figure.

Famous female authors and illustrators
Grades K – 5
Chardon Thurs., March 5, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Celebrate famous female authors and illustrators with activities and crafts.

Battle for the ballot: Cleveland’s suffrage movement
Geauga West Tues., March 10, 7 p.m.
This program will tell the story behind the women who fought for their rights here in Cleveland as members of the League of Women Voters. Presented by the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Women’s Suffrage during the Civil War
Middlefield Wed., March 11, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Learn how it took more than 100 years for the women of the United States to get the right to vote and how this had its beginning during the time of the Civil War.

Rabble-rousing in the countryside
Newbury Sat., March 14, 1 - 4 p.m.
Meet at the Newbury Library Station for an overview of the rich, and occasionally revolutionary, 161-year history of the South Newbury Union Chapel. Special emphasis will be given to the Suffragette period. At 2 p.m. the group will adjourn to the Chapel (15829 State Rte 44, Newbury, Ohio 44065), weather permitting, to tour the building. Period attire welcome. (Note: The Chapel is maintained in its authentic 1858 state. There is no handicap access, electricity, running water, heat, or restroom.)

From Seneca Falls to suffrage: Sheroes of the Northeastern Ohio fight for women’s right to vote
Chardon Thurs., March 19, 7 p.m.
In Northeastern Ohio, suffragists battled at the grassroots level to ensure that the Ohio General Assembly would support women’s right to vote. This presentation interweaves local suffrage “sheroes” and their places of action with the national story of women winning the right to vote.

Important women of the Civil War Era: Clara Barton and Dr. Mary E. Walker
Chardon Tues., March 31, 7 p.m.
In honor of Women’s History Month, this program will focus on two of the most interesting and important women of the Civil War era: Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross; and Dr. Mary E. Walker, the only female recipient of the Medal of Honor. Presented by the James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

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called the Siege of Ennis! No dancing experience required. Refreshments.

Asian snack tasting
All ages
Geauga West
Sat., March 14, 10:30 a.m.
Try popular Asian snacks. Which ones will be your favorite?

Art show reception
All ages
Bainbridge
Sun., March 15, 2 p.m.
Join us at a reception to meet artists from local schools whose art will be displayed during the month of March.

Basic signing
Grades K – 5
Chardon
Wed., March 18, 2 p.m.
To celebrate Deaf History Month learn basic ASL.

Brain games and puzzles
Grades 3 – 5
Chardon
Thurs., March 19, 4 p.m.
Test your logic and strategy skills with brain-bending games and puzzles, including Puyo Puyo Tetris on our Nintendo Switch, Quirkle, Battleship, and more.

Fun Bus at Jordak Elementary Literacy Night
All ages
Off-site event: Jordak Elementary School, 16000 E High St, Middlefield, OH 44062
Thurs., March 19, 5 – 7 p.m.
Hop aboard the Fun Bus at Middlefield's Jordak Elementary Literacy Night. Check out books, return materials, place holds or stop by to say hello to our friendly library staff.

Spring magic
Grades K - 2
Chardon
Thurs., March 26, 4 p.m.
Discover how nature performs some of its best spring "magic tricks." Try some magic tricks of your own.

National crayon day
Grades K – 5
Middlefield
Mon., March 30, 4 p.m.
Celebrate national crayon day with all things crayons!

Fairy terrarium
All ages
Middlefield
Sat., April 18, 11 a.m.
Work together as a family to make a fairy terrarium.

Puppet show
All ages
Chardon
Mon., April 20, 6:30 p.m.
Tues., April 21, 10:30 a.m.
Bring the family and join the Youth Services department for stories and songs with the assistance of our puppet menagerie (and you!) *Note: Please only register children. Caregivers do not need to register.

Amphibian awakening
Grades K - 3
Geauga West
Thurs., April 23, 6 – 6:45 p.m.
Warm evening rains draw salamanders, frogs, and toads out of hibernation to begin their annual courtship. Children will discover the habits and habitats, adaptations and life cycles of these captivating creatures.

An Alice mad tea party in Wonderland
Grades K – 5
Chardon
Thurs., April 30, 4 p.m.
Follow Alice down the rabbit hole to a very mad tea party. Sample an unbirthday snack.

Boy Scout Hiking Merit Badge
Grades 4-12
Bainbridge
Sat., May 2, 10 a.m.
Earn the Boy Scout Hiking Merit Badge. Wear appropriate gear to hike in.

May the 4th be with you
All ages
Geauga West
Mon., May 4, 6 p.m.
Celebrate Stars Wars Day with treats, craft, and Yoda, of course!

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Tweens and Teens

All programs are one hour, appropriate for grades 5 - 12, and require registration unless noted.

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RECURRING PROGRAMS

Geauga Skywatchers Club
Grades 6 - 12
Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Off-site: Burton Public Library, Jan. 6, "Exploring our solar system"
Middlefield: Feb. 3, “Hubble at 28; Answers and questions from the Hubble Space telescope.”
Chardon: March 2, “Geocentrism: A springboard to Copernicus”
Bainbridge: April 6, “The Moon”
Geauga West: May 4: “Astrolabes”
A hands-on astronomy club taught by members of the Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society. Meetings rotate at members' locations. Check members' websites for updated and future meeting dates and times.

Sphero coding club
Grades 5 – 12
Middlefield
Wednesdays, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4, April 1, 1:30 p.m.
Join us as we explore how to use Spheros to code, draw, and game! Can't make it to one of the lessons? Not a problem: each lesson is a stand-alone.

Tween group art series
Grades 4 – 8
Bainbridge
Wednesdays: 4 p.m.
Jan. 8: Louise Bourgeois sculptures.
Feb. 5: Narrative silhouettes
March 4: Oil Pastel Portraits
April 1: Pointillism still lifes
Join us for a different themed, collaborative art project every month.

Fandom Fridays
Grades 6 – 12
Chardon
Fridays: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, April 10, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
Geek out over a different fandom each month with our after hours viewing parties, snacks, games, and crafts.

Teen gaming group
Grades 6 – 12
Chardon
Mondays: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9, April 13, 4 p.m.
Play the library's Nintendo Switch and old-school board and card games.

Teen coloring club
Grades 6 –12
Chardon
Mondays: Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 23, April 27, 4 p.m.
Coloring supplies and snacks provided.

Anime club
Grades 5 –12
Middlefield
Wednesdays: Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 25, April 22, 1:30 p.m.
Where otaku and noobs alike come to hang out, explore Japanese culture, enjoy Anime, showcase cosplay, and borrow from our manga collection.

January

Popcorn palooza
Grades 6 – 12
Geauga West
Tues., Jan. 21, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Celebrate all things popcorn!

Financial aid night
Grades 5 – 12
Chardon
Wed., Jan. 22, 7 p.m.
Learn how to complete your FAFSA and about college scholarships from a Kent State Geauga adviser.

February

Shrinky Dinks
Ages 9 – 12
Geauga West
Thurs., Feb. 6, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Join us at the library to create your own one-of-a-kind design (or trace a design from a book), watch it shrink right before your eyes, and then turn it into a cool accessory!

Mardi Gras traditions
Grades 6 – 12
Geauga West
Tues., Feb. 18, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
Teen Mardi Gras party!

March

Pi Day
Grades 6 – 12
Geauga West
Tues., March 10, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Celebrate Pi Day at the library!

Girl Scouts Badge-in-a-Day: Book artist
Grades 6 - 8
Off-site event: Centerville Mills Lakeside Building, 8552 Crackel Rd, Chagrin Falls
Sat., March 14, 10 a.m.
Girl Scout Cadettes can earn their Book Artist badge in a day. All troops welcome.
Tweens and Teens

All programs are one hour, appropriate for grades 5 - 12, and require registration unless noted.

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Teen roundtable: gender issues

Grades 6 - 12
Chardon
Mon., March 30, 4 p.m.
Learn about historic gender issues, ask questions, and tell us your thoughts on these issues in a safe, open environment. Pizza and pop.

APRIL

National Pretzel Day

Grades 6 – 12
Geauga West
Tues., April 21, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
Join your friends at the library for a session devoted to pretzels.

Let’s start a podcast!

Grades 5 - 12
Middlefield

MAY

Boy Scout Hiking Merit Badge

Grades 4 – 12
Bainbridge
Sat., May 2, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
See pg. 8 for details.

Adults

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GEAUGA CIVIL RIGHTS SERIES

GCPL will host the Geauga Civil Rights Series, a collection of programs across the county to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his work with the Civil Rights Movement and to celebrate Black History Month in Geauga County by hosting speakers and programs that initiate community conversations about race, equality, and social freedom.

Author Talk: Gail Lukasik

Off-site event: Newbury Auditorium, 14775 Auburn Rd., Newbury
Mon., Jan. 20, 2 p.m.
Join us for the third annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Commemoration. Author Gail Lukasik will discuss her book White Like Her: My Family’s Story of Race and Racial Passing. Ms. Lukasik will be available for book signing after the event.

Workshop: Are You a good Civil Rights Advocate?

All ages
Geauga West
Fri., Feb. 7, 6 p.m.
This workshop, led by Clarence Bozeman, personal driver to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will take attendees on an independent investigation to ask yourself, "Am I a good Civil Rights advocate?" Mr. Bozeman will share his experiences from the Civil Rights Era in America and his work with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This workshop is intended for students in high school through adult age.

Clarence Bozeman

Off-site event: Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, 7600 Woodland Ave, Chagrin Falls
Sat., Feb. 8, noon – 2 p.m.
Clarence Bozeman will share his experiences and insights into Dr. King’s legacy. He will share the impact of the Civil Rights struggle in America and how it impacts our community and children. A light lunch, provided by the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, will be served beginning at noon and Mr. Bozeman will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m.

Books on tough topics

Chardon
Sat., Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.: "Diversity and inclusion"
See pg. 5 for details

The Community Within: Discovering African American History in Rural Ohio

All ages
Middlefield
Sat., Feb. 29, 2 p.m.
Ric Sheffield will speak on Discovering African American History in Rural Ohio. Many rural areas in Ohio have long-established black communities that are often invisible to the larger white communities in which they reside. This program relates the adventure of reclaiming the lost history of African Americans in Knox County, Ohio while explaining the benefits of including minority populations within celebrations of heritage and sharing strategies for undertaking such projects in communities of various sizes and racial and ethnic makeups.

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Book Discussions

Reading and literary socializing go hand-in-hand at GCPL book discussions. Check out any of the following books at the library a few weeks in advance of the scheduled discussion and enjoy. We’ve got plenty of copies because we know we’ve got plenty of readers. Discussions are open to anyone who loves to read and share ideas.

**Off-site:**

**Greenhouse Book Discussion:**

**Lowe’s Greenhouse**

16540 Chillicothe Road

Tuesdays: 10 a.m.

Join us among the tropical plants and flowers for a book discussion at Lowe’s Greenhouse. Books will, of course, have a flower theme! One lucky reader will go home with a small floral gift! Registration required for this book discussion.

- Jan. 14: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- Feb. 11: *The Orchid Thief* by Susan Orlean
- March 10: *A Memory of Violets* by Hazel Gaynor
- April 14: *Alice’s Tulips* by Sandra Dallas

**BOOK SALES**

**Geauga West**

Sponsored by the Geauga West Friends of the Library

Members preview
- Wed., March 18 . . . . . . . . . . 4 - 6 p.m.
- Open to public
- Wed., March 18 . . . . . . . . . . 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- Thurs., March 19 . . 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 20 . . . . . 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Bag day* 
  - Sat., March 21 . . . . . 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Chardon**

Sponsored by the Chardon Friends of the Library

Members preview
- Thurs., April 23 . . . . . . . . . . 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- Open to public
- Thurs., April 23 . . . . . . . . . . 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Fri., April 24 . . . . . . . . . . 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sat., April 25 . . . . . . . . . . 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Bag day* 
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**Bainbridge: Daytimes**

Mondays: 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

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**Bainbridge: Evenings**

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**Chardon: Afternoons**

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**Geauga West**

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**Middlefield**

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**Thompson: Regular Book Discussion**

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**Read Between the Wines Book Discussion Group**

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Discussions will be held at various local wineries. Check with Thompson Library Station for locations prior to discussions. No registration required.

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RECURRING PROGRAMS

**ENCORE NEO 50+ PROGRAMMING**
Location TBD
Ongoing, weekly programs. No registration required.

**Charting a new course with business model you**
Thursdays, Jan. 2 – April 16: 8 – 9:45 a.m.
This is a weekly work session in which participants apply the personal business model framework to help each other reinvent their careers and develop strategies to interact with potential employers. If you do not yet have a personal career model, we’ll help you build one!

**Encore Career Accelerator Programs (ECAPs)**
Thursdays, Jan. 2 – April 16: 10 a.m. - noon
These 2-hour sessions on Thursday mornings, use authoritative resources to develop specific working strategies in key areas of Encore Career development. Topics include:

**[Kombucha level 1: Basics](#)**
**Geauga West**
Tues., Jan. 7, Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
Opportunity to talk one-on-one, taste commercial and homemade brews, learn about kombucha benefits, why we drink it and how it’s made. Take home your own basic starter kit and detailed brewing guide. $10 material fee.

**Club Ink writing workshop**
**Chardon**
Wed., Jan. 8, Feb. 5, April 1, 5:30 – 7 p.m.
Wed., March 4, 6 – 8 p.m.
Writers, join with creators of all genres who are interested in critiquing work while sharing experiences, information, and ideas. Both aspiring authors and seasoned veterans are welcome. Registration not required.

**Sit and knit**
**Geauga West**
Thursdays: Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27, March 12 and 26, April 9 and April 23, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
Join other knitters in conversation while knitting your current project. Supplies not included.

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**Geauga Shutterbugs**
**Chardon**
Thursdays: Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 5, April 2, 6:30 p.m.
Geauga Shutterbugs Geauga’s photography enthusiasts gather the first Thursday of the month in the Chardon Branch’s Bostwick Room to explore photography techniques, give and receive critiques, and enjoy field trips. All experience levels are welcome. No fees or dues. Just bring your passion for photography. Geaugashutterbugs.weebly.com

**Knit 2gether**
**Newbury**
Sundays: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1, April 5, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Spend an afternoon knitting with others. Bring your projects. If you want to learn to knit, bring size 7 or 8 needles - any type. Yarn provided.

**Yoga for beginners**
**Bainbridge**
Mondays: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2, April 6, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Tuesdays: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 31, April 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Each session, a local yoga instructor will teach routines with different poses and their benefits. Please bring your own yoga mat and any props you have or need (blocks, bands, etc.). Waiver required.

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Writers, join with creators of all genres who are interested in critiquing work while sharing experiences, information, and ideas. Both aspiring authors and seasoned veterans are welcome. Registration not required.

**Film discussion club**
**Middlefield**: Thursdays, 11 a.m.
**Bainbridge**: Thursdays, 2 p.m.
Join us for discussion of some of your favorite films. Popcorn. No registration required. 

Jan. 2: *Some Like It Hot* 
Feb. 6: *It Happened One Night* 
March 5: *The Zookeeper’s Wife* 
April 2: *Nobody’s Fool* 
May 7: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

**Geauga Skywatchers Club**
**Mondays**, 6:30 p.m.
**Off-Site**: Burton Public Library, Jan. 6, "Exploring our solar system" 
**Middlefield**: Mon., Feb. 3, "Hubble at 28; Answers and questions from the Hubble Space telescope."
**Chardon**: Mon., March 2, 6:30 p.m. "Geocentrism: A springboard to copernicus" 
**Bainbridge**: Mon., April 6, "The Moon"
**Geauga West**: Mon., May 4, "Astrolabes"
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## RECURRING PROGRAMS

### Chair Yoga

**Bainbridge**

Thursdays, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12, April 23, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

Join local yoga instructor Ann Vickers for this class, in which postures are adaptations of traditional yoga poses.

### Reiki share

**Geauga West**

Thursdays: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

Reiki is an Eastern technique that reduces stress and anxiety and promotes healing. Join us for Reiki share and improve your skills. Facilitated by Reiki Master Teacher.

### Office hours with Representative Patterson

**Chardon**

Mondays: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9, April 13, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Residents can learn about and discuss state legislative issues. This is also an opportunity to raise any concerns or questions you may have.

### Still life art

**Chardon**

6 – 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 14: Celebration

Tues., Feb. 18: Love and comfort

Mon., March 9: Fashion and Jewelry

Tues., April 21: Sports

Practice your drawing techniques. Learn about shapes, composition, and shading. Charcoal and paper provided, but feel free to bring your own supplies. All skill levels welcome.

### Kombucha level 2: Beyond the brew

**Geauga West**

Tues., Jan. 21, Feb. 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Learn about flavoring kombucha in a second fermentation and using the brew beyond the beverage. Vinegars, botanicals, fermented foods, cleaners and more. Take home a bottle of infused kombucha vinegar and detailed guide with tips and recipes. $10 material fee.

### Needle arts club

**Bainbridge**

Mondays: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 23, April 13, June 30 – 8 p.m.

Thursdays: Jan. 23, Feb. 20, March 19, April 30, 2 – 3:15 p.m.

Enjoy conversation with other crafters as you work on your project in a friendly, informal atmosphere. All skill levels welcome.

### Red Cross blood drives

**Geauga West**

Mondays: Jan. 27, March 23, 1 – 7 p.m.

**Middlefield**

Thursdays: Feb. 27, April 30, 2 - 7 p.m.

### Adult coloring club

**Chardon**

Mondays: Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 23, April 27, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Experience the relaxing benefits of coloring. Materials provided. Light refreshments.

### Wildlife in winter

**Chardon**: Tues., Jan. 28, 7 p.m.

**Geauga West**: Thurs., Jan. 30, 7 p.m.

Discover what wildlife is active in winter as we introduce critters that can cope with the cold. Illustrated presentation supplemented by natural artifacts. Presented by the Geauga Park District.

### Passport fairs

**Middlefield**: Sat., Feb. 8, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Newbury**: Sat., April 25, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Need a passport? GCPL has partnered with the staff of the Geauga County Clerk of Courts to provide one-stop shopping to help you complete the necessary forms, certify the paperwork, and send it in for you. See the website for information and what to bring.

### Tax assistance

Volunteers from AARP will help you file your 2019 federal and state taxes. Appointments are required; call your local library starting January 1st.

Please bring the following for your appointment:

- Copy of your 2018 tax returns
- Proof of identity
- Social security card
- All 2019 tax forms
- All health Insurance information and/or forms regarding the Affordable Care Act

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Learn the evolution and science of soap while observing the cold process making of handcrafted soap. Learn how Mother Nature’s bounties can be utilized to create plant-based, natural, and eco-friendly soaps.

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Audiences are introduced to fascinating aspects of wildflower folklore including the origins of their names and historical use as medicinal sources and folk remedies.

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When your first draft is complete, you may want to celebrate (and you should), but the hard work has just begun! In this workshop, multi-published author and “Book Whisperer,” Deanna Adams, will help you get your manuscript ready for publication. *Option: Bring your working table of contents, and 10 double-spaced pages that need the most work.

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In this class you will make cards for several occasions. Bring scissors and a good quality double-sided adhesive. All other supplies provided. $10 materials fee.

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Crochet a scarf to help ward off the winter weather. Bring a size H crochet hook and a skein of medium worsted weight yarn.

**JANUARY**

**Scrapbook mania!**  
**Middlefield**  
Fri., Jan. 3, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sat., Jan. 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bring your scrapbooking supplies and crop all day, then leave your stuff overnight to work again all-day Saturday. The Ellison machine and Cricut will be available for use. Snacks.

**Mobile Memory Lab orientations**  
**Middlefield**  
Sat., Jan. 4, 10 a.m.

The Mobile Memory Lab is comprised of scanners, reel-to-reel film converter, vinyl record recorder, microphones, and software to convert analog materials to digital files. This orientation covers how to use these items and provides hands-on training, so you are ready to start preserving your memories. Attendance at an hour-long orientation is mandatory before booking appointments with the Mobile Memory Lab.

**Look, lunch, and listen**  
**Geauga West**  
Wednesdays: April 1, 8, 15, and 22, noon  
Bring a lunch and enjoy a presentation by a different speaker each week. Topics to be announced.

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**Chardon**  
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**Naturally preventing cold and flu**  
**Geauga West**  
Tues., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

Learn how to naturally prevent colds and flu with Nanci Miklowski, neuropathic doctor and owner of Cleveland Natural Health.

**Cards to beat the winter blues**  
**Geauga West**  
Sun., Jan. 12, 1 – 3 p.m.

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**Bullet journal basics**  
**Bainbridge**  
Wed., Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

Start the year organized! We'll show you how to keep your to-do lists, appointments, and deadlines all in one convenient place.

**DIY winter wreath**  
**Middlefield**  
Thurs., Jan. 16, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

The holidays may be over, but this easy finger loop yarn wreath will make the transition something to look forward to. $10 materials fee.

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Pizza, poetry, and prose
Chardon
Fri., Jan. 17, 2 p.m.
Enjoy an evening of poetry and prose while eating delicious pizza! Read your own work aloud or practice your communication skills by reading a favorite piece, five minutes max.

Bainbridge/Geauga West Preschool Expo
Geauga West
Fri., Jan. 17, 6 p.m.
Parents/guardians are invited to talk with several local preschools. Representatives will answer questions and provide information. Sign up for a raffle. Parents/guardians only.

Build a bracelet with chakra and lava stones
Newbury
Sun., Jan. 19, 2 p.m.
Make your own Chakra Bracelet with Lava Stones. These stones are porous and will diffuse essential oils throughout the day. Materials provided.

Creative doodles card class
Chardon
Tues., Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m.
Join us to doodle in a pattern, creating unique and interesting designs that can be used in many types of projects. In this class, we will be making two Valentine themed cards. No experience necessary. Materials provided.

Cooking with Carol at Heinen’s
Geauga West
Fri., Jan. 24, 6:45 – 8 p.m.
Carol will lead us in a healthy cooking program to get the year started right.

A healthy start for 2020
Middlefield
Wed., Jan. 22, 6:45 – 8 p.m.
Start the year off healthy with Jeremy and Jennifer Davis from Middlefield Nutrition. Learn how to do meal prep and stay fit while balancing a busy schedule. A fitness profile will be offered to anyone interested.

Financial aid night
Chardon
Wed., Jan. 22, 7 p.m.
See pg. 9 for details

National Pie Day
Bainbridge
Thurs., Jan. 23, noon – 6 p.m.
See page 6 for details

Arsenic and old letters: Why preserve your family’s documents?
Middlefield
Thurs., Jan. 23, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Come learn the story of poor Sally Randall and learn how to preserve your family’s history.

Chardon/Middlefield Preschool Expo
Administrative Center
Fri., Jan. 24, 6 p.m.
Parents are invited to talk with several local preschools. Representatives will answer questions and provide information. Sign up for a raffle. Adults only.

Wool applique workshop with Rebekah L. Smith
Geauga West
Sat., Jan. 25, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Join local artist and best-selling author, Rebekah L. Smith, as she leads groups in making wool applique tea coasters. Participants will need to supply the following: Pins, needles and scissors. $10 materials fee.

Chili cookoff
Newbury
Sun., Jan. 26, 2 p.m.
See pg. 6 for details

Punxsutawney Phil with popcorn and a viewing of the movie Groundhog Day.

The Beatles at Shea Stadium
Chardon
Mon., Feb. 3, 7 p.m.
Dave Schwensen, author of The Beatles At Shea Stadium and The Beatles In Cleveland, takes you behind the scenes and on stage for the group’s legendary 1965 performance at New York’s Shea Stadium. A display of Beatles memorabilia will be available for viewing before and following the program. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Natural care and wellness
Bainbridge
Tues., Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
Certified Naturopath, Dr. Rhondalyn Brustoski, will speak about how changing your eating habits can make a difference in your health.

Decorate a heart box
Chardon
Tues., Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
Decorate a papier-mâché heart box in honor of Love your Library month. Materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring in any papers or embellishments that you might want to use.

Osteoporosis education
Geauga West
Wed., Feb. 5, 11 a.m.
Osteoporosis can affect both men and women. Diet, exercise and a healthy lifestyle are ways to prevent and manage the disease. Presented by experts from UH Geauga Medical Center.

A book and a brand
Chardon
Wed., Feb. 5, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
What happens after the book is published? Great question! In this workshop, we will share insight and wisdom from our own experience, offering practical tools to help you develop a strong brand to increase your marketing ability. Presented by Willie and Rachel Scott of TKI Publishing.

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What is an Illuminated Manuscript?  
Middlefield  
Thurs., Feb. 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The beautiful art of illumination is alive and well and thriving today, but do you know its history? Learn history of the art and how to create your own illuminated letter.

Introduction to beekeeping  
Middlefield  
Sat., Feb. 15, 1 - 4 p.m.

It may be February but now is the time to start if you want your own honeybees. Join Trish Harness, beekeeper in Parkman, OH and learn how to get started. Refreshments.

Backyard chickens 101 – Part 1  
Middlefield  
Tues., Feb. 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Join local eggspert Alex Fogle to learn the basics of keeping chickens. Topics will include chick and adult care and nutrition, coop design, chicken behavior, and more.

Book page flower craft  
Geauga West  
Tues., Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

Learn how to make flowers out of recycled book pages!

Coffee and crochet  
Thompson  
Wed., Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Learn to crochet a simple hat to perk up your winter wardrobe. Coffee and cookies will be served. Bring your own hook and yarn if you have them.

Balance workshop  
Bainbridge  
Sat., Feb. 22, 10 a.m.

Our sense of balance diminishes as we grow older. A representative from OsteoStrong in Bainbridge will be here to give tips on improving balance and agility.

Mardi Gras Concert with the Erie Heights Brass Ensemble  
All ages  
Auditorium, 14775 Auburn Rd, Newbury  
Sat., Feb. 22, 1 p.m.

See pg. 7 for description

What did Garfield eat?: Foods of the Victorian era  
Middlefield  
Tues., Feb. 25, 1 p.m.

Americans of the Garfelds’ time ate very differently than we do today. Learn more about some of the foods and cooking methods used during the Victorian era. Presented by James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

Wine and chocolate pairing  
Geauga West  
Fri., Feb. 7, 6 p.m.

Valentine’s Days is approaching! Join us for a date night, a “Galentine” night out, or just to enjoy chocolate and wine. 21 and over only.

Scrapbooking crop  
Chardon  
Sat., Feb. 8, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Get ready to put your pictures into a scrapbook. The library’s Ellison die machine will be available.

Rug hooking for beginners  
Bainbridge  
Mon., Feb. 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to rug hook with a beginner’s Valentine heart mug rug. Participants should bring their own 10-inch embroidery hoop. $20 materials fee.

The Youngstown Tune Up, and other Mafia vices: Bobby Kennedy takes on organized crime  
Geauga West  
Tues., Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

Continue your journey into Robert Kennedy’s life with Kent State professor Molly Sergi, as she discusses Kennedy’s time as U.S. Attorney General and his experience dealing with organized crime.

Valentine’s movie night  
Middlefield  
Wed., Feb. 12, 6 - 8 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine’s Day at the library with a showing of 2005’s Pride and Prejudice. Popcorn. No registration required.

Basics of bird identification  
Middlefield  
Wed., March 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

Identify birds in your backyard and beyond! Ethan Maynard will share tips to help you understand what bird you might have spotted based on physical attributes, behavior and location.

Kenston Jazz Choir concert  
All ages  
Off-site event: Bainbridge Townhall, 17826 Chillicothe Rd, Chagrin Falls  
Thurs., March 5, 7 p.m.

See pg. 7 for description

New ways to dress your greens  
Geauga West  
Thurs., March 5, 7 p.m.

Be inspired for Spring with fresh ideas for salads and marinades! Taste samples and take recipes to try at home.

Battle for the ballot: Cleveland’s suffragette movement  
Geauga West  
Tues., March 10, 7 p.m.

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Women’s Suffrage during the Civil War  
Middlefield  
Wed., March 11, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

See pg. 7 for description

Rabble-rousing in the countryside  
Newbury  
Sat., March 14, 1 - 4 p.m.

See pg. 7 for description

Flowers bring smiles  
Middlefield  
Thurs., March 12, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Join Emily from Flowers by Emily and put the winter blues behind you. Create your own special arrangement and leave with a smile. $10 materials fee.

Great Gatsby reception and discussion  
Chardon  
Sat., March 14, 6 p.m.

Join the Chardon Friends of the Library for a reception and book discussion before the Geauga Lyric Theater Guild’s presentation of The Great Gatsby by F.Scott Fitzgerald. The Friends will
Adults

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provide tickets at a reduced cost of $10, payable at registration at Chardon Library. Refreshments.

Step into spring
Off-site event: Auburn Point Greenhouse, 10089 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls
Mon., March 16, 7 p.m.
Louise will teach us how to create a stepping stone for the garden as we all try to think spring.

First day of spring film festival
Middlefield
Wed., March 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Kick back, relax, and join your local movie-goers in watching the springtime film Groundhog Day featuring Bill Murray. Kick back, relax, and join your local movie-goers in watching the springtime film Groundhog Day featuring Bill Murray. Kick, back, relax... Popcorn. No registration required.

Medicare made easy
Geauga West
Tues., March 24, 7 p.m.
Learn how to make wise decisions about your coverage and avoid common mistakes. Topics include Medicare Parts A, B, C, D, and Medicare supplementals.

Make, take, and bake: Challah bread
Thompson
Tues., March 24, 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to make and braid a rich, buttery dough into a delicious loaf of take and bake challah bread. Ingredients provided.

Creative takes on stuffed eggs
Geauga West
Thurs., April 2, 7 p.m.
Grandma’s recipe might be the best, but why not try an international kick or a new recipe? Samples and recipes will be shared.

Get ready for spring scrapbooking
Geauga West
Sat., March 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bring your photos, supplies, and a friend! The library’s Ellison die machine will be available.

Origami workshop: Learn the art of Japanese paper folding
Middlefield
Fri., April 3, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Craft a bookmark, a paper box, and the classic crane! Origami paper provided.

Important women of the Civil War Era: Clara Barton and Dr. Mary E. Walker—A Women’s History Month Program
Chardon
Tues., March 31, 7 p.m.
See pg. 7 for description

Spirelli card class
Chardon
Tues., March 24, 6:30 p.m.
Join us to learn about Spirelli (Dutch string art) as we use this technique to make greeting cards. Materials provided.

Backyard chickens 101 – Part 2
Middlefield
Tues., March 24, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Topics will include breed selection, detailed coop and run design, how to put chickens to work in your yard and garden, and more.

Tam Polzer: Gratitude attitude
Chardon
Wed., April 1, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Local author Tam Polzer will make patrons laugh and cry when she shares selections from her writing. With her book, Reflections from the Wilde Side, Referencing her various books, she will help people gain insight, realize they are not alone, and have hope that progress can be made concerning tough topics such as mental illness and addiction, while also offering uplifting and inspiring passages.

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Quick and easy spring decorating tips
Bainbridge
Wed., April 8, 7 p.m.
Lindsay Eastman from LTE Interior Design will offer simple and cost-effective ways to give your home (or a room) a new look.

Mind, body, and spirit
Middlefield
Wed., April 8, 7 p.m.
How does stress affect your overall health? Join us for an overview of how to be physically, mentally and spiritually healthier. Presented by experts from UH Geauga Medical Center.

Earth Day film festival
Middlefield
Wed., April 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Kick back, relax, and join your local movie goers in watching the animated film WALL-E in celebration of Earth Day! Popcorn and refreshments.

Painted garden rocks
Middlefield
Thurs., April 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Ladybugs, bees, butterflies...make these adorable painted rocks using special outdoor paint so they will brighten up your garden all summer long. $5 materials fee.

Poetry workshop
Geauga West
Tues., April 14, 7 p.m.
Channel your creativity and write your own poetry. Learn the basics and read your creations with Lakeland Community College professor Tobin Terry.

Benefit of dogs for seniors
Chardon
Thurs., April 16, 6:30 p.m.
Learn the latest research in health benefits for dog ownership and the right mix of activity and interaction to benefit you and your four-legged companion. UH Pet Pals and Rescue Village will have ambassador dogs to meet and greet everyone. Appropriate adoptable dogs will be also be on hand.

The early work of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster
Middlefield
Thurs., April 16, 7 p.m.
Learn about the original Superman and learn how he was influenced by the lives of two boys from Glenville High.

University Hospital: Age well. Be well.
Bainbridge
Mon., April 20, 7 p.m.
Learn about all the activities and educational opportunities available in this dynamic program offered to community members 55 and older.

Earth Day film festival
Geauga Hospitals
Wed., April 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Kick back, relax, and join your local movie goers in watching the animated film WALL-E in celebration of Earth Day! Popcorn and refreshments.

AARP smart driver course
Middlefield
Thurs., April 23, noon – 4 p.m.
The AARP Smart Driver™ course will refresh your know-how behind the wheel and improve your comfort level in almost any driving situation. Completion of the course could qualify you for a multi-year discount on car insurance. Please arrive 15 minutes early to complete paperwork. $15 for AARP members. $20 for non-members. Cash or check.

Day of wellness
Geauga West
Sat., April 25, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Join us for a day of wellness featuring healthy eating, reiki, and more! A variety of local agencies will have tables. There will be promos and giveaways. No registration required.

An armchair tour of National Parks commemorating American arts and culture
Chardon
Wed., April 29, 2 p.m.
Everyone knows National Parks for their history and natural beauty. But did you know that they also commemorate great writers, artists, and architects? Learn about sites that interpret Edgar Allan Poe, Carl Sandburg, and more. Presented by James A. Garfield National Historical Site.

Library Lock-In
Middlefield
Sat., May 2, 5 – 10 p.m.
See pg. 17 for details

Paddling the Everglades...with sharks!
Chardon
Sun., May 3, 2 p.m.
Bruce Bennett describes his adventures of paddling 100 miles in the Everglades... with sharks! This travelogue includes photography from the trip.

May the 4th be with you
All ages
Geauga West
Mon., May 4, 6 p.m.
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A musical evening with Ruby Hornsby
Geauga West
Tues., April 28, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
As a soloist, Ruby draws upon a lifetime of experience as a songwriter and live performer, creating a unique blend of musical styles including elements of her Appalachian roots, classical training, rock, blues, country, and old-time music to forge her own genre, “Mountain Soul.”

100 Book Challenge luncheon
Administrative Center
Sat., May 2, noon – 2 p.m.
Meet fellow participants and pick up a new list of supplemental titles.

Library Lock-In
Middlefield
Sat., May 2, 5 – 10 p.m.
See pg. 17 for details
**Digital Discoveries**

Most class sizes are limited. Registration required.

**RECURRING PROGRAMS**

**Grant writer networking meet-ups**
Bainbridge
Mondays: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2, April 6, 2 p.m.

Are you looking for a grant for your non-profit or small business? Do you want to connect with other grant writers in the area? Join us for networking and the opportunity to search our new database, Foundation Directory Online, for funding opportunities.

**1-on-1 computer help clinic**
Middlefield
Mondays & Wednesdays 2:30 p.m.

Sign up for a 1-on-1 Computer Help appointment and let us help you on your road to becoming more tech-savvy. Computer Help appointments are 1 hour and are specific to the area in which you need help.

We can help you:
- Learn how to use our digital content, including eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, music and movies
- OVERDRIVE, HOOPLA, and LIBBY
- Learn how to use our online research tools and GCPL Databases
- Learn the basics of Microsoft Word and Excel
- Learn the basics of how to use your tablet or smartphone
- Set up an email address and manage your email
- Learn the basics of Facebook, Twitter, or Pinterest

If the topic you are interested in is not listed here, contact us for more information on what we can help you learn during an appointment. Call to make a reservation.

**Keeping safe online**
Bainbridge
Sat., Jan. 18, 10 a.m.

Learn how to protect yourself and your family by maintaining online privacy and security. Covers home computers, laptops, tablets and phones.

**Finding grants to fund your education**
Bainbridge
Wed., Feb. 19, 7 p.m.

This session on obtaining financial aid for your studies will dispel some common myths about scholarship support and discuss:
- What you need to know before approaching funders
- The different sources of funding
- How to create a personal profile to attract funders
- Online resources, like GCPL's Grants to Individuals Online, that provide information on scholarships from foundations and other sources
- The application process, including tips on how to make your application successful

**Cut the cable**
Geauga West
Sat., March 7, 10 a.m.

Learn how to cancel cable and still get the programs and content that you want, when you want it through a number of available options.

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel**
Geauga West
Wed., March 11, 6:30 p.m.

This class is for those new to Excel. Learn basic introductory skills. Participants must have basic keyboard and mouse skills.

**APRIL**

**Keeping safe online**
Thompson
Thurs., April 9, 6:30 p.m.

See description under Bainbridge in January.

**Introduction to Microsoft Word**
Geauga West
Wed., April 29, 6:30 p.m.

This class is for those new to Word and introduces basic tasks of word processing using Microsoft Office Word software. Participants must have basic keyboard and mouse skills.

**Make a Difference.**

Gifts to the Geauga County Library Foundation help make many of the library's community programs and events possible.

Donate online at
or contact GCLF at foundation@geaugalibrary.net (440) 286-6811 ext. 2533.
Genealogy

Most class sizes are limited. Registration required.

**FEBRUARY**

**Anderson Allyn Room genealogy resources**

Chardon

Thurs., Feb. 13, 10 a.m.

Genealogy County genealogy and history researchers will be amazed at the wealth of information in the Allyn Room. Learn what is available and how to use the microfilm reader.

**Geauga County Genealogical Society**

The Geauga County Genealogical Society (GCGS) meets in the Bostwick Room of the Chardon Branch with new and informative topics. Visit us for one or all of the following programs. Guests welcome. Check the website www.gcgsoh.org for up-to-date information. Questions? Contact gensocyinfo@gmail.com

**Anderson Allyn Room genealogy resources**

Tues., March 10, 7 p.m.

See description under Chardon in February.

**History of the Geauga County Fair**

Tues., April 14, 7 p.m.

Mr. Paul Harris, Secretary of the Geauga County Fair, will discuss its history.

**MARCH**

**Finding family records for free on FamilySearch.org**

Middlefield

Thurs., March 26, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tips on searching the world’s largest collection of genealogical records.

**Genealogy 101**

Newbury

Sat., Feb. 29, 10:30 a.m. - noon

This is the first step in tracing your ancestry and building your family tree. Learn the basics of using genealogy charts, finding information, and citing sources with GCPL’s own Cheryl McClellan.

**APRIL**

**One-on-one genealogy appointments**

Middlefield

Wednesdays: April 1 and 8, 2 – 6 p.m.

Call the Middlefield Library at 440-632-1961 to schedule a one-hour one-on-one appointment for genealogy research help.

**Searching U.S. military records**

Bainbridge

Thurs., April 16, 1 p.m.

Discover your family’s military past using the Fold3 database.

**FamilySearch workshop**

Geauga West

Sat., April 18, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

A hands-on exploration of navigating and researching FamilySearch.org, the world’s largest free genealogy database and website accessible from the library or home.

**Burton Library storytimes**

Jan. 6 – May 1

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, songs, books, stretches, music, and more. No registration required for any storytime program.

**Youth Programs and Storytimes Jan-May 2020**

Registration required unless noted.

* Storytimes will not be held the week of Spring Break: March 30-April 3

**Family storytime**

Ages 0-5 with caregiver

Mondays: Jan. 6 — April 27, 10:30 a.m.

**Babysit**

3 – 24 months with caregiver

Tuesdays: Jan. 7 — April 28, 11 a.m.

**Toddler storytime**

Ages 2—3 years with caregiver

Thursdays: Jan. 9 — April 30, 10:30 a.m.

**Movin’ & groovin’**

Ages 2 – 5 with caregiver

Fridays: Jan. 10 —May 1, 11 a.m.

A music and movement storytime program.
**FEBRUARY**

**Bodyworks with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History**
Grades 3 – 6
Wed., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m.
What does a real heart look like and how does it team up with our brain, muscles, bones and lungs? This program uses preserved specimens and anatomical models to teach students about the organization of the human body.

**Balloon twisting workshop**
Grades 2 - 5
Sat., Feb. 8, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Join us as Bubbles N Swirls teaches us how to make balloon animals and more.

**DIY healthy snacks**
Grades 3 - 7
Mon., Feb. 17, 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to make fun and creative healthy snacks.

**Mini golf**
All ages
Sat., Feb. 22 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Enjoy a fun round or two of mini golf in the library. Holes will be set-up throughout the library, prizes awarded for finishing a round. No registration required.

**Read to Therapy Dogs**
All ages
Sat., Feb. 29, 11 a.m.
By Paws for Reading. No registration required.

**MARCH**

**Lego club**
Ages 5 and up
Tuesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 3:30 p.m.
Build Lego creations! No registration required.

**Meditation & sound healing for Kids**
Ages 9 – 12
Thurs., March 5, 3 p.m.
Join Lori Shrock, a certified Meditation instructor, as she leads kids through basic meditation techniques and introduces them to sound healing with Tibetan singing bowls.

**Lego tournament**
Ages 5 – 12
Sat., March 7, 11 a.m.
Compete in various Lego challenges to win prizes!

**Meet the Snow Queen and her sister!**
All ages
Sat., March 21, 11 a.m.
Join the Snow Queen and her sister for a musical performance and a special storytime. Get your picture with the princesses and create a fun craft!

**APRIL**

**Edible book festival**
All ages
Sat., April 4, 11 a.m.
Bake or make an entirely edible "book" creation and bring it to the library by 11 a.m. The creations will be judged in Funniest, Most Realistic, and Most Book-Like categories. Stories and cookie decorating will also take place. No registration required.

**Celebrating spring poetry**
All ages
Mon., April 6, 3:30 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon surrounded by the soothing, but sometimes gusty, world of spring poetry. Renowned local poet, Grace Butcher, will give excellent writing tips and read some of her terrific poetry. We’ll do some group writing as well as explore the form of Japanese Haiku.

**Biodiversity bonanza with Lake Metroparks**
All ages
Sat., April 11, 11 a.m.
Meet several permanent resident animals from the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center and Farmpark. Learn how wild and domestic animals fit into our planet’s ecosystem.

**3-D print class: All about thingiverse**
Grades 4 – 9
Mondays: April 13, 20, 27, 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to search for pre-designed 3-D print items on thingiverse. Find and download the item to print. Students will...
learn search techniques, skills in reading data, downloading, and more.

**MAY**

**Origami Yoda**  
Ages 5 - 10  
Mon., May 4, 3:30 p.m.  
Learn how to make your own origami Yoda in celebration of May the 4th (be with you). No registration required.

**Lego Club**  
Ages 5 and up  
Tuesdays: May 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30 p.m.  
Build Lego creations! No registration required.

**JANUARY**

**Burr-r-ton adult winter reading Bingo**  
Jan. 3 - Feb. 28  
Stop in to sign-up and to pick up a Bingo card. Complete it to be included in a drawing for a fabulous prize!

**Vintage tablet covers**  
Sat., Jan. 4, 1 - 3 p.m.  
Make your own tablet cover from an old book. We have sizes that will fit Nooks, Kindles, iPad minis, & Android tablets.

**BOOKMARK MADNESS**  
Tues., Jan. 14, 1:30 p.m.  
Wed., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Love your books, use a bookmark! Make your bookmarks personal, create your own designs or use our templates. We’ll laminate them for you to take home.

**MARKET MADNESS**  
Tues., Jan. 14, 1:30 p.m.  
Wed., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Love your books, use a bookmark! Make your bookmarks personal, create your own designs or use our templates. We’ll laminate them for you to take home.

**MARCH**

**Knitting 101**  
Wed., March 4, 11, 18, 6:30 p.m.  
Learn the foundations of knitting, including casting on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and binding off. No prior experience necessary. Participants must attend all three sessions. Ages 18+. Materials provided.

**What tree is this?**  
Thurs., May 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Learn Basic Tree Identification with Debbie Palmisano, Burton Village Municipal Arborist. No registration required.

**All Aboard the Maple Leaf Route—Vol. 2 The Critical Edition**  
Thurs., March 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Join author Dan Rager as he discusses his second book covering the Cleveland & Eastern railway system, and how it changed Geauga County forever. Books will be available for purchase. No registration required.

**Amish history in Geauga County**  
Thurs., March 19, 6:30 pm.  
Meet John Gingerich from the Geauga Amish Historical Library to learn the history of the Amish from its beginnings in Europe to their settlement in Geauga County, as well as current trends affecting them. No registration required.

**APRIL**

**Poetry games**  
Thurs., April 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Celebrate National Poetry Month with a poetry writing workshop led by Patrick Culliton, MFA, author of *Sam's Teeth*, and winner of the 2018 Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award.

**Watercolor greeting cards**  
Sat., April 18, noon - 3 p.m.  
Learn to paint your own greeting cards with watercolor paints. No experience needed. Bring an apron and photos for inspiration. Adults 18+.

**AMERICAN HISTORY**  
Thurs., April 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Learn about the history of the United States. No registration required.

**Meet Louisa May Alcott**  
Thurs., April 23, 6:30 p.m.  
Spend an evening with Louisa May Alcott, author of *Little Women*, with live actor portrayal of her life and Victorian times.

**ADULT PROGRAMS JANUARY - APRIL 2020**

Registration required unless noted.

**Recurring programs**

**Meditation for relaxation**  
Tuesdays: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Simple meditation for relaxation and connecting with your own inner guidance, led by Rev. Jenni Vinecourt. No registration required.

**BYOC—Bring your own craft**  
Thursdays: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12, April 9, 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Give yourself that excuse to work on a craft you’ve been putting off. Bring your own supplies and join with friends and friends-to-be in the Merritt Room. No registration required.

**Yoga**  
See website for dates, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.  
Instructor Mary Ann Sedivy follows the Gaelic "Cara" Yoga principle which allows you to find soul friends and recognize your inner light and beauty. $5 per class, payable to the instructor. Please bring a mat. No registration required.

**3D printing beginner 101**  
Tues., Jan. 21, 1:30 p.m.  
Tues., Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m.  
Wed., March 25, 1:30 p.m.  
Mon., April 27, 6:30 p.m.  
Thurs., May 7, 11 a.m.  
Learn basic 3D design skills in the online app Tinkercad, then design your own keychain and have it printed. Must have basic mouse, keyboard skills, and access to personal email.

**Poetry games**  
Thurs., April 9, 6:30 p.m.  
Celebrate National Poetry Month with a poetry writing workshop led by Patrick Culliton, MFA, author of *Sam’s Teeth*, and winner of the 2018 Ohio Arts Council Individual Excellence Award.

**Watercolor greeting cards**  
Sat., April 18, noon - 3 p.m.  
Learn to paint your own greeting cards with watercolor paints. No experience needed. Bring an apron and photos for inspiration. Adults 18+.

**Meet Louisa May Alcott**  
Thurs., April 23, 6:30 p.m.  
Spend an evening with Louisa May Alcott, author of *Little Women*, with live actor portrayal of her life and Victorian times.
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Geauga Growth Partnership

Geauga Economic Leadership (G.E.L.) Breakfasts are co-sponsored by Geauga Growth Partnership and Kent State University at Geauga. They are held the first Friday of each month. The breakfast is a dynamic opportunity to bring business and industry leaders together with our community to network, learn, and collaborate. For more information and to register for these programs and others, contact Geauga Growth Partnership at info@geaugagrowth.com or visit www.geaugagrowthpartnership.com.

GEL Breakfast – ASM Renewal
Adults
Kent State University at Geauga, 14111 Claridon Troy Rd., Burton
Fri., January 10, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
How ASM has successfully executed a 3 Year Turnaround Program. Presented by Bill Mahoney, CEO, ASM International

GEL Breakfast: State of Geauga
Adults
Kent State University at Geauga, 14111 Claridon Troy Rd., Burton

GEL Breakfast – Operation Babylift
Adults
Kent State University at Geauga, 14111 Claridon Troy Rd., Burton
Fri., March 6, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
An Adoptee’s Perspectives on the Vietnam War. Presented by Mahli Xuan Mechenbier, English Professor, Kent State University - Geauga

Lake/Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation (LEAF)

C-2048
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland

ACT/SAT Test Prep Opportunities
High school juniors and parents
Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.
Discover free online test prep options. Learn about building vocabulary. Acquire test stress tips and websites for free online practice tests with instant feedback!

Planning a Campus Visit
High school juniors and parents
Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m.
Learn what questions you should ask and who you should talk to when visiting a college campus.

Juniors—Get a Jumpstart on your Senior Year
High school juniors and parents
Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m.
Juniors...hear about the college application process, how and when to apply for admissions and financial aid. Senior year timeline will be presented.

NCAA Requirements
High school underclassmen and parents
Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.
Sophomores and juniors, do you plan on continuing your sport in college? Do you know the requirements to be able to participate? Join us for an informative session and get all your questions answered.

Underclassmen - Get a Jumpstart on our Junior Year
High school freshmen/sophomores and parents
Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.
What can high school freshmen and sophomores do to prepare for college? Different educational options available to students will be described. Be proactive with the college process. Learn how to be prepared for junior and senior years.

Making Sense of College Loan Options
High school seniors and parents
March 11, 6:30 p.m.
Learn different ways to fill the gap between your financial aid and the college bill.

Alternatives to Attending a 4-Year Option
High school students and parents
April 8, 6:30 p.m.
If college is not for you, learn about career options in the trades, apprenticeships and other vocational post-secondary educational opportunities to get your future started.

Military Career Options
High school students and parents
May 13, 6:30 p.m.
Are you interested in a military career? Join us to learn which branch will fit you best.

Note: It is STRONGLY recommended that parents/guardians attend the sessions with their student(s).
GCPL to Go Fine-Free

Beginning January 1, 2020, GCPL will be a fine-free library. Keep in mind, we do want you to return your items, but we’re not going to punish you if they are a little overdue. However, if you lose the item, or your dog eats it, we will still need you to buy a new copy.

Public libraries serve their communities by providing free access to information, services, resources, and space. Fines can create unintended barriers to the library and can deter borrowing completely for some families. Many of our staff have had conversations with patrons, friends, or neighbors regarding their fines. Many have heard a parent mention that they haven't been to the library in years because a child ran up fines and they just stopped using our services. This has always been an unfortunate consequence of fines.

GCPL Administration hopes that by joining the many Clevnet libraries and other libraries nationwide who have already gone fine-free or are planning to go fine-free will reduce barriers to service and move towards a connection with the community that does not involve negative association with fines.

#GCPLBuilds

Construction on the new Bainbridge and Thompson Branches is well underway. Check the #GCPLBuilds page on our website for updates and look for the hashtag #GCPLBuilds on social media.

LIBRARY HOURS WINTER/SPRING 2020

**Administrative Center**
- Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Bainbridge, Chardon, Geauga West**
- Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

**Middlefield**
- Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

**Newbury**
- Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Friday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

**Thompson (Closed Fridays)**
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Saturday - Sunday: Noon - 4 p.m.

**All locations closed the following days:**
- **Christmas**: Tues., Dec. 24
  Wed., Dec. 25
- **New Year’s**: Tues., Dec. 31
  Wed., Jan. 1
- **Easter Sunday**: Sun., April 12

GCPL strives to be open to the public as scheduled. When it is necessary to close because of weather, we notify the media as well as post this information on our website and social media outlets. When the public school district in which the library is located closes, that library’s morning storytimes are cancelled. Contact your library to confirm whether other programs are being held. Have a plan for your children if the library closes early. Food may be served at library programs. Please alert staff to possible food allergies. Photos are occasionally taken for publicity purposes. If you do not wish for you or your child to be photographed, please let staff know before the program. For more information regarding accessibility and special accommodations for programs, call 440-286-6811. American Sign Language interpreters can be provided with one week’s notice.