



Geauga County
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Press Release

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GCPL to Close all Branches and Mobile Services for Coronavirus Prevention

Geauga County – March 14, 2020 – After much deliberation and consideration, and in response to Gov. Mike DeWine’s orders closing all K-12 schools and prohibiting mass gatherings, all GCPL locations will continue to be closed to the public through at least April 6.

Our concern is that closings are inevitable, but the longer we delay closing, the less benefit we get from this difficult decision. We are also hopeful that this decision will give other organizations the confidence to close in order to maximize the benefits of social distancing.

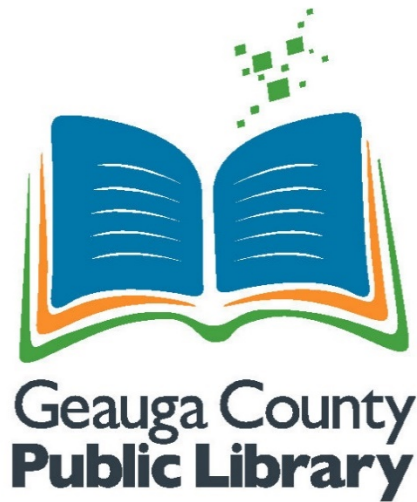
Our digital offerings remain available for cardholders, including our vast collection of eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, streaming movies, music and television shows, as well as most research tools for online learning.

Additionally, voting on Election Day at our Middlefield Branch will go as planned, March 17, 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Don’t worry about returning or renewing your materials before we close. Remember we are fine free. We prefer you return your materials when we reopen. Our book drops will be open.

The Library's leadership team will continue to monitor the situation and respond accordingly. Follow the Library on social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) and check www.GeaugaLibrary.net for the latest updates.

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Caption: Geauga County Public Library to close all Branches and Mobile Services from 9 p.m. March 13 through at least April 6.

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About the Geauga County Public Library

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service branches in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Geauga West) and Middlefield; two library stations housed in schools in Newbury and Thompson; a fleet of Mobile Services vehicles that serve rural areas and community centers; and an Administrative Center where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL has more than 900,000 books and ebooks. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items and 60 Research databases available through 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 GeaugaLibrary.net