

Press Release

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Mini Golf at Geauga West Library transforms stacks into greens

Geauga County Library Foundation's annual fundraiser supports early literacy

Geauga County – March 9, 2015 – Fore! Join fellow library patrons and staff members for a round of golf at the Geauga West Library Links, where the entire building is converted into an 18-hole golf course for one special day of fun for the whole family. This annual event is the principal fundraiser for the Geauga County Library Foundation.

What: Family event / fundraiser – 18 holes of indoor mini golf, plus a 19th kiddie hole
Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2015
Place: Geauga West Library (13455 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland)
Cost: \$5 per person
Tickets are available for purchase at all GCPL locations, and at the door.

Proceeds from the Mini Golf event support Every Child Ready to Read, a program sponsored by the Geauga County Library Foundation. Kindergarteners throughout the county receive an age-appropriate book along with a teddy bear and a library card.

This event coincides with the Chesterland Kiwanis' pancake breakfast held at the West Geauga Middle School. Feel free to enjoy a delicious breakfast at the school, then walk across the parking lot to burn off a few calories to play golf. Or, just come to the library ready to sink your shots.

In addition to golfing, additional attractions include photo opportunities with Indians mascot Slider, a Chinese auction, a visit from the Geauga County K-9 unit, balloon creations from Banjo the Clown, face painting and a special toddler hole for preschoolers.



“Promoting early literacy is a top priority for us,” says Director Deborah F. O’Connor, who is also a trustee on the Geauga County Library Foundation. “We are grateful that the foundation is a key supporter of this initiative. This fun event is great for all ages. The entire Chesterland library building is literally transformed into a mini golf course that was constructed by an Eagle Scout. We hope to see several hundred people there this year.”

About the Geauga County Public Library

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service community libraries in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Gauga West) and Middlefield; two library stations housed in schools in Newbury and Thompson; one Bookmobile that serves farms, nursing homes and nursery schools; and one administrative center where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL has more than 500,000 books and e-books. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items and 400 research databases available through its website. GCPL is a member of the SearchOhio / OhioLINK consortium, giving patrons access to more than 66 million items. Learn more about the Geauga County Public Library at the [GCPL website](http://GeaugaLibrary.net), GeaugaLibrary.net.

About the Geauga County Library Foundation

The Geauga County Library Foundation was chartered as a nonprofit corporation in the State of Ohio in 1989 to inspire library programs and service by providing assistance to the Geauga County Public Library and to ensure that the public library system continues to meet the present needs of the community, as well as grow to meet future challenges. The Foundation’s goals are to improve the library collection; provide additional library services; offer reading enrichment programs; and sponsor cultural and educational programs. Learn more at the [GCPL website](http://GeaugaLibrary.net), GeaugaLibrary.net.

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Caption: The Geauga County Library Foundation is sponsoring its annual Mini Golf fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 22, at Geauga West Library (13455 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland). Tickets (\$5 per person) are available at all GCPL locations.