



Press Release

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GCPL implements library card and PIN requirements for computer and WiFi use

New system to allow better counting of library use for state reporting

Geauga County – Jan. 4, 2015 – GCPL is implementing a change for using computers and WiFi. Users are now required to use their library numbers and PINs (personal identification numbers) to begin a computer or WiFi session. As always, there will be no charge for this service. Anyone who needs a new library card may easily get one for free from any GCPL location.

This change helps improve customer service by allowing the library to accurately count how many computer and WiFi sessions occur during a given time period. This information helps libraries inform the state of Ohio of the demand for library use, which in turn affects funding. Additionally, this system will eventually allow patrons to wirelessly print directly from their devices. The library is not recording the sites or materials patrons visit or view. Patrons should close out their sessions when they are finished using the computer station or WiFi.

“Libraries strive to continually improve and add functionality to existing services,” says GCPL Director Ed Worso. “Accurate reporting of increased usage reflects the benefit to the community and shows that our services are valued. This will help us build a case to the state about the validity of libraries. It’s proof that libraries work.”

The practice of requiring library card numbers and PINs to access computers and WiFi is not unique to GCPL. Most other library systems in Ohio have had this stipulation for years.

Geauga County Public Library is committed to professionally serving its patrons and using the best methods and technology to provide materials and services.



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About the Geauga County Public Library

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service community libraries in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Geauga West) and Middlefield; two library stations housed in schools in Newbury and Thompson; several Bookmobile and delivery vehicles that serve farms, nursing homes and nursery schools; and one administrative center where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL has more than 610,000 books and eBooks. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items and 109 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 GeaugaLibrary.net. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn for news and updates.

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