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“The Bill of Rights and You” exhibit

GCPL’s Chardon Branch showcases a replica of this landmark document

Geauga County – Jan. 5, 2017 – Geauga County Public Library’s Chardon Branch is hosting a new pop-up exhibition from the [National Archives](#), *The Bill of Rights and You*, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document. *The Bill of Rights and You* spotlights one of the most remarkable periods in American history, explores the origins of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution (collectively known as the [Bill of Rights](#)), illustrates how each amendment protects U.S. citizens, and looks at how Americans exercise the rights outlined in the amendments. *The Bill of Rights and You* invites visitors to connect directly with the people, places, and events that mark this historic document’s evolution. This exhibit runs through Feb. 28, 2017.

The Bill of Rights and You co-curator Jennifer Johnson states: "The Bill of Rights represents the Founder's vision that it would be the people, through votes, that could change the Constitution with enough consensus. And when the people desired a Bill of Rights, our first ten amendments were added to our governing charter."

The Bill of Rights and You is organized by the National Archives and Records Administration, and traveled by the National Archives Traveling Exhibits Service (NATES). This exhibition was developed in collaboration with the [National Archives’ National Outreach Initiative](#) to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The exhibition is presented in part by AT&T, Seedlings Foundation, and the National Archives Foundation.

This exhibit is brought to you in collaboration with the Federation of State Humanities Councils.

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; two Bookmobiles that serve farms and community centers; a Lobby Stop vehicle; a car for homebound patrons; and one administrative center where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL has more than 500,000 books and ebooks. 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](#), GeaugaLibrary.net.

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