



Lines & Links

Your Connection to Reading, Learning and Growing since 1963 | WINTER / SPRING 2018



**EARLY LITERACY IS
THE FOUNDATION FOR
LIFELONG LEARNING**

GCPL and the Geauga County Library Foundation take early literacy seriously. Not only does the library provide hundreds of storytime sessions across the county every year, but the Foundation works hard to get books in the hands of children.

About 1,000 babies are born in Geauga County annually, and the Geauga County Library Foundation works to give all of them a *Look Look* book so mom and dad can begin reading to them right away. Additionally, these parents also receive information about the library's programs for youth and families.

Parents bring their children to GCPL's storytimes because they're fun. Kids toddle in, get to play, hear a story, sing a song, make rhymes and crafts, and go home with

an armful of books. Everyone's happy.

These fun storytimes lay the foundation for lifelong learning. Reading comprehension is a pillar of academic success, and with states now mandating literacy benchmarks, schools are working furiously to teach kids how to read at earlier ages than their parents were required. In fact, Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee identifies students from kindergarten through grade three who

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are behind in reading. GCPL recognizes the challenges of hitting early literacy benchmarks, and has added "third-grade Thursdays" to youth programming (see page 4). Ensuring children are ready to read by kindergarten is critical. The next step provides the tools and resources to read with confidence. Building a positive relationship with the library establishes a direct path to books and programs that instill a love of reading, learning and growing.

Early literacy is so important the Foundation funds three special programs designed to engage our youngest readers and keep them interested in lifelong learning.

Geauga County Library Foundation's three early literacy programs

Baby's First Book - Babies and their families receive a board book, refrigerator magnet with library locations, information about GCPL and a coupon for a "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" T-shirt.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten - Parents bring their child and the coupon to the library to receive a cute GCPL T-shirt, sign up for the program and

earn recognition for achieving various milestones during the 1,000-book journey. This program keeps families returning to the library for more books and literacy-building programs as they work to hit their goals.

Books and Bears - Retired teachers visit kindergarten classes in Geauga County, read them a story, and inform them that they're now old enough to have their own library card. All they have to do is visit the library and redeem a gift certificate for a teddy bear and a copy of a Maurice Sendak Little Bear book, along with their new card that gives them access to a whole new world of stories and reading.

The Foundation funds all these programs to encourage young families to take advantage of the library and acquire fundamental reading readiness skills. Although the purpose is serious, the process is pure fun.

A continuum of reading, learning and growing

The Foundation's support of early literacy continues through middle school and beyond. This past August, Middlefield's

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Passport fairs
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

B Bainbridge: Sat., Feb. 3 **M** Middlefield: Sat., March 3

Need a passport? GCPL has partnered with the staff of the Geauga County Clerk of Courts to provide one-stop shopping to help you. Simply bring the following paperwork items to one of the two convenient Saturday sessions:

- Proof of citizenship (certified birth certificate)
- Proof of identity (photo ID or driver's license)
- One passport photo, 2" x 2". John's Photography of Burton will be on site to take your photo (\$10).
- Both parents and children 15 and younger must appear in person with parent's photo ID.
- Minors 16 and 17 require one parent to appear with parent's photo ID.

Applications are available at the event. Bring one check for each application along with cash or check for the processing fee. All applicants must be present. Only new passports may be processed; no renewals or expedited applications. Please come to the Clerk of Courts Title office only for expedited processing.

If you have any unusual circumstances, call the Clerk of Courts Title Office before the event at 440-279-1750. For passport fees and more details on items listed above, visit the Geauga Clerk of Courts website or www.travel.state.gov.



Geauga Shutterbugs

C Geauga's photography enthusiasts gather the first Thursday of the month in the Chardon Branch's Bostwick Room at 6:30 p.m. 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/

Thursdays:

- Jan. 4 Regular meeting
- Feb. 1 Regular meeting
- March 1 Regular meeting
- April 5 Spring photo contest
- May 3 Regular meeting

Catch the Geauga County Library Fun Bus

Have you spotted the Geauga County Public Library Fun Bus Bookmobile on the road? The 30-foot long bookmobile holds over 3,500 items and makes about 24 stops each week. In addition to visiting day cares, schools, parks, and community stops, the Fun Bus makes special appearances. Check us out at the following spring events:

- Winter Fest on Chardon Square: Sat., Jan. 13, 2 - 5 p.m.
- Chocolate Walk on Chardon Square: Sat., Feb. 10, 2 - 5 p.m.
- Lowe's Greenhouse Easter Egg Hunt: Sat., March 24, time TBD
- Shred Day at GCPL Administrative Center: Sat., April 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Northcoast Writers Showcase featuring *Orphan Train* author Christina Baker Kline at Lake Erie College: Sat., April 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Maple Elementary School Carnival: Sat., May 5, time TBD



Mobile Services seeks volunteers

Geauga County Public Library provides a rotating collection of books to Amish schools throughout the school year. We are currently looking for drivers to deliver books. Volunteers spend between one and two hours per month during the school year while school is in session between 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Volunteers will deliver books and pick up the previous month's returned materials at GCPL's Middlefield Branch. Reliable transportation is necessary.

Interested volunteers may contact Mobile Services Manager Nick Fagan at 440-632-9496.

Tax assistance

Volunteers from AARP will help you file your 2017 federal and state taxes. Appointments are required; call your library to schedule.

Please bring to your appointment:

- Copy of your 2016 tax returns
- All 2017 tax forms
- Proof of identity
- Social security card

- B** Bainbridge: 440-543-5611
Mondays: Feb. 5 - April 9
Saturdays: Feb. 10 - April 14, except March 10 and April 7
- C** Chardon: 440-285-7601
Wednesdays: Feb. 7 - April 11
- G** Geauga West: 440-729-4250
Thursdays: Feb. 1 - April 12
- M** Middlefield: 440-632-1961
Tuesdays: Feb. 6 - April 10

Storytimes

Registration start date for Geauga West and Chardon is Dec. 15. Registration is not required at Bainbridge, Middlefield, Newbury or Thompson unless noted.

B Bainbridge ● 440-543-5611

Baby storytime

Birth - 18 months, with caregiver
Tuesdays: Jan. 2 - March 20, 10 a.m.

Baby and toddler storytime

Birth - 2 years, with caregiver
Tues., April 3 - 24, 10 a.m.

Toddler storytime

18 months - 2 years, with caregiver
Thursdays: Jan. 4 - March 22, 10 a.m.

Preschool rhythm and rhyme

Ages 3 - 6, with caregiver
Wednesdays: Jan 3 - March 21, 10 a.m.
Registration required

Family storytime

All ages, with caregiver
Tuesdays: Jan. 2 - March 20, 11 a.m.
Thursdays: Jan. 4 - March 22, 11 a.m.

Family storytime

All ages, with caregiver
Thurs., April 5 - 26, 10 a.m.

C Chardon ● 440-285-7601

Registration is required, and starts Dec. 15.

Baby storytime

Birth - 18 months, with caregiver
Mondays: Jan. 15 - March 19, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Jan. 17 - March 21, 9:30 a.m.

Baby / toddler storytime

Birth - 2 years, with caregiver
Thursdays: Jan. 18 - March 22, 9:30 a.m.

Toddler storytime

18 months - 3 years, with caregiver
Tuesdays: Jan. 16 - March 20, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Jan. 17 - March 21, 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.



Preschool storytime

3 - 5 years, independent attendance while parent remains in building
Mondays: Jan. 15 - March 19, 10:30 a.m.
Weds: Jan. 17 - March 21, 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Jan. 18 - March 22, 9:30 a.m.

Family storytime

All ages
Thursdays: Jan. 18 - March 22, 11 a.m.

Special Chardon Storytimes

Play and learn storytime

Families with children up to age six enjoy a 45-minute free play with educational toys. Each session starts with a brief introduction by a Geauga children's health professional on family topics.

Fridays: 10 a.m.

Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 13, May 11

Puppet show

Family, all ages

Chardon

Mon., Apr. 9, 6:30 p.m. or Tues., Apr. 10, 10 a.m.

Enjoy 40 minutes of fun with puppets, stories and songs.

Daddies and kids get ready for Mother's Day

Chardon

Daddies and toddlers (1 - 3 years), Mon., May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Daddies and preschoolers (3 - 5 years), Wed., May 9, 6:30 p.m.

We welcome Dads with their toddlers to join us for stories, songs and rhymes about families. Get ready for Mother's Day by making something special for Mommy!

G Geauga West ● 440-729-4250

Registration is required, and starts Dec. 15.

Winter session, Jan. 15 - Feb. 19

Spring session, March 12 - April 23

No storytimes, March 26 - 30

Baby storytime

Birth - 18 months, with caregiver

Wednesdays: 9:30 - 10 a.m. or 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Thursdays: 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Lapsit storytime for babies and caregivers, followed by playtime.

Toddler storytime

18 months - 3 years, with caregiver

Mondays: 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Tuesdays: 9:30 - 10 a.m.; 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Enjoy stories and crafts.

Preschool storytime

3 - 5 years, with caregiver

Wednesdays: Jan. 17 - Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.; 4 p.m.



Trailblazers

Grades K - 2

Mondays: 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy fun stories and activities that encourage a lifelong reading adventure.

Third-grade Thursdays

Grade 3

Gauga West

Thursdays: 6 - 6:45 p.m.

Just for third graders: Improve reading skills with a mix of fiction, nonfiction, fun and snacks.

M Middlefield ● 440-632-1961

Baby storytime

Birth - 18 months, with caregiver

Wednesdays: Jan. 10 - April 25, 11 a.m.

Toddler storytime

18 months - 3 years, with caregiver

Tuesdays: Jan. 9 - April 24, 10 a.m.

Thursdays: Jan. 11 - April 26, 11 a.m.

Preschool storytime

3 - 5 years, with caregiver

Wednesdays: Jan. 10 - April 25, 10 a.m.

Thursdays: Jan. 11 - April 26, 10 a.m.



Family storytime

All ages

Mondays: Jan. 8 - Apr. 23, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays: Jan. 9 - Apr. 24, 11 a.m.

Saturdays: Jan. 13 - April 28, 10 a.m.

Tinkerlabs

3 - 5 years

This series of playful programs encourages tinkering, curiosity and creativity.

Fridays: 10 a.m.

Jan. 12: Marvelous music

Feb. 9: When I grow up

Mar. 9: Blast off to space

Apr. 13: Play dough

Coffee talk and play

Birth - 5 years, with caregivers

Middlefield

Fridays: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23, and April 27, 10 a.m. - noon

Let the kids mess up someone else's "house." Enjoy a cup of coffee and adult conversation while your little ones play and make new friends.

N Newbury ● 440-564-7552

Birth - K, with caregiver

Thursdays: Jan. 18 - April 19, 11:30 a.m.

T Thompson ● 440-298-3831

Preschool storytime

Birth - 6 years, with caregiver

Enjoy stories and crafts.

Mondays: Feb. 5 - March 26, 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Feb. 7 - March 28, 10:30 a.m.

All programs are one hour and require registration unless noted.

DECEMBER

Celebrate!

M Grades K – 4
Middlefield
Tues., Dec. 19, 4 p.m.
Learn about December holidays around the world.

Noon year's eve

B All ages
Bainbridge
Sat., Dec. 30, 11 a.m.
Celebrate the new year with crafts, games and a countdown to 2018.

JANUARY

Bainbridge Branch winter reading contest

B Up to grade 5
Bainbridge
January - February
Participants receive a raffle entry for every library event they attend and every five library items they check out during the months of January and February. Winners will be called March 1.

Civil Rights StoryWalk®

All ages
All January

B Bainbridge, *I Have a Dream*

C Chardon, *We March*

G Geauga West, *My Brother Martin, A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

M Middlefield, *Martin's Big Words*

OFF-SITE Geauga YMCA, (off-site via Mobile Services), *These Hands*.

Read your way through different stories and learn about the Civil Rights Movement. There's a different story at each branch. Please add to our collaborative craft in the library that celebrates peace and equality. Remember our take-home activity to further enhance your understanding of this important part of our history.

JanUbeary

G All ages
Geauga West

All January
See our collection of teddy bears the entire month of JanUbeary. Spot your favorite bear and tell us about it. Color a teddy bear bookmark and select your favorite bear story.

Tribute to A. A. Milne

G All ages
Geauga West

All January
January 18 is the birthday of A. A. Milne, the creator of Winnie-the-Pooh. Visit the library to read your favorite Pooh story and enter our raffle to win some Winnie-the-Pooh books.

Let's go on a StoryWalk®

M All ages
Middlefield

Month-long activities
Stop in and read your way through a story around the children's department. Grab a take-home activity and enter our I-spy contest at the end.
January: *Martin's Big Words*
February: *My Heart is Like a Zoo*
March: *The Crayon Box that Talked*
April: *Spring is Here*
May: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

Friday night at the movies: Passport to new worlds

M All ages
Middlefield

Fridays: 6:30 p.m.
Families, join us for a family movie, popcorn, and a take-home activity. No registration required.
Jan. 5: *Moana*
Feb. 2: *Mulan*
March 9: *The Princess and the Frog*
April 6: *Lilo and Stitch*

Lego® fun

C Ages K - 5
Chardon

Mon., Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 8, 4 p.m.
Mon., March 5, 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 19, 4 p.m.
Mon., May 14, 6:30 p.m.
What can you make with Legos? Free play with Legos purchased by the Chardon Friends of the Library.

Tech Thursdays

B Grades K - 3
Bainbridge
Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
Play and learn computer skills with these great techie games and activities.
Jan. 9: Code-a-pillar and Robot Mouse
Feb. 6: Robot Turtles
March 6: Sphero
April 10: Gravity Maze

Block party building club

M Grades K – 5
Middlefield
Tuesdays: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12, April 10, 6:30 p.m. Build Lego® masterpieces with your friends. We provide Legos.

Crafternoons

B Grades 4 - 5
Bainbridge
Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.
Join us for fun craftivities all winter and spring.
Jan. 11: Corner bookmarks
Feb. 8: Toothpick painting
March 8: Pasta sculpture
April 12: Peep craft

School's out

B Grades K - 5
Bainbridge
3 p.m.
Jan. 15: Karaoke fun
Feb. 16 & 19: Wii games
March 12: Giant games

Preschool drop-in and play

B Grades K – 5, with caregiver
Bainbridge
Wednesdays: Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 14, April 18, 3 p.m.

All programs are one hour and require registration unless noted.

STEM Tales

M Grades K – 5, with caregiver
Middlefield
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m.
We'll add a fun STEM twist to fairy tales in this family-centered problem solving program.
Jan. 17: Jack's golden egg delivery service
Feb. 21: Troll-proof goat bridge
March 21: Red Riding Hood's secret code
April 18: Rapunzel's escape

Time is up

C Grades 3 – 5
Chardon
Thurs., Jan. 18, 4 p.m.
Come prepared to balance, stack, and perform other feats of skill as you test yourself in our minute-to-win-it style challenges.



Homeschool: Art school

M Grades K - 12
Middlefield
Fridays: 2 p.m.
Art through the ages: Take a journey through the history of ancient art. Learn and create.
Jan. 19: Prehistoric cave art
Feb. 16: Egyptian art
March 16: Greek pottery designs
April 27: Roman mosaic art

Frozen princesses

B 4 – 8 years
Bainbridge
Sat., Jan. 20, 11 a.m.
Sing and play games with Anna and Elsa.

Pizza and pages

B Grades 3 - 8
Bainbridge
Thursdays: 4 p.m.
What's better than a good book discussion? Adding pizza, of course!
Jan. 25: *Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk
Feb. 22: *Real Friends* by Shannon Hale
March 22: *Spirit Hunters* by Ellen Oh
April 26: *The First Rule of Punk* by Celia C Perez

Homeschool: Science with the Magic School Bus

M Grades K – 3
Middlefield
Mondays: Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 19, April 16, 2 p.m.
Expand your science curriculum with some fun, hands-on activities from *The Magic School Bus* series.

Winter detectives

C Grades K – 2
Chardon
Thurs., Jan. 25, 4 p.m.
Examine the clues and prints in the snow to solve a winter nature mystery.

STEM snowflakes

M Grades K – 5
Middlefield
Thurs., Jan. 25, 4 p.m.
Learn about the science of snowflakes and craft some out of paper.

Homeschool days at the library

M Grades K – 12
Middlefield
Fri., Jan. 26, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.
Take a field trip to learn all about the library and master its many attributes.

Family fort fun

G All ages
Geauga West
Sat., Jan. 27, 2 p.m.
Build a fort at the library for a cozy place to read.

Maker Mondays

M Grades K – 5
Middlefield
Mondays: Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23, 5 - 7 p.m.
Tinker, create, and experiment with different kinds of materials; if you can imagine it, you can build it.



FEBRUARY

Celebrate African-American History Month

G All ages
Geauga West
All February
Celebrate African-American History Month. Learn about Garrett Morgan and his ties to Cleveland, Ohio and what he invented. Try a take-home enrichment activity.

I spy with my little eye... Something red

G All ages
Geauga West
All February
Check our display, and look for hidden red objects. Find them all and receive a special sticker or stamp.

Thomas Edison StoryWalk®

G All ages
Geauga West
All February
In honor of Thomas Edison's birthday Feb. 11, read and learn as you walk about the library about the accomplishments and life of this inventor. Take a look at our invention display and take home a craft.

Reading buddies

M Grades 1 – 3
Middlefield
Thursdays: 6 p.m.
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22
March 1, 8, 15, 22
April 5, 12, 19, 26
Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to a teen volunteer.

Build with Duplos®

G All ages
Geauga West
Sat., Feb. 10, 10 a.m.
Your kids. Our Duplos. What will your family build?

The Triangle Factory Fire Project

C Grades 3 through adult
Chardon
Sat., Feb. 10, 2 p.m.
On Saturday, March 25, 1911, a cigarette began a fire in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in Manhattan. Using eyewitness accounts, this play recreated a dramatic



Youth and Family

All programs are one hour and require registration unless noted.

moment-by-moment account of this historic fire that took 146 lives. Watch an hour-long play presented by teens from the Geauga Lyric Theater Guild. After the production, enjoy snacks and a meet and greet with the actors.

Be my valentine

M Grades K – 5
Middlefield
Mon., Feb. 12, 4 p.m.
Learn about the history of the holiday and create a valentine for someone special.



Yoga for the family

G All ages
Gauga West
Tues., Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
Enjoy the relaxing power of Yoga with Barbara Paulett-Long, occupational therapist and certified kids yoga teacher. Make a fun Valentine craft too. Please bring a Yoga mat or a beach towel.

Kooky concoctions

C Grades 3 - 5
Chardon
Thurs., Feb. 15, 4 p.m.
Join us to mix up some slime and try out other fun, hands-on experiments.

Art encounter

G Grades K – 5
Gauga West
Fri., Feb. 16, 11 a.m.
No school today? Come to our art encounter program and learn about a famous artist. Create your own art from our demonstration.

Stuffed animal tea party

B 4 - 8 years
Bainbridge
Sun., Feb. 18, 2 p.m.
Attend a tea party with your favorite stuffed animal.



Fun game time

C Grades K – 2
Chardon
Thurs., Feb. 22, 4 p.m.
Try totally fun games like bowling, Jenga, dominoes, and our cool versions of bingo, Go Fish, tic-tac-toe and more.

Pancake science

G All ages
Gauga West
Thurs., Feb. 22, 7 p.m.
Enjoy stories about pancakes and learn about the fun science behind them. What makes them so light, fluffy and delicious?

Fourth and fifth grade book bunch

G Grades 4 – 5
Gauga West
Mon., Feb. 26, 4:30 p.m.
Pick up Sarah Weeks' book *Pie* the week of Jan. 2. Read it in the upcoming weeks, and join us Feb. 26 for a fun discussion and snacks.

MARCH

Sport your leprechaun beard

G All ages
Gauga West
All March
Visit the library during the month of March and sport your leprechaun beard. Supplies will be on hand for you to assemble and get caught with your beard!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

M Grades K – 5
Middlefield
Fri., March 2, 4 p.m.
Help us celebrate the author of *The Cat in the Hat*.

Art show reception

G All ages
Gauga West
Sun., March 4, 2 p.m.
View work from local budding artists at this art show opening. All throughout the library, student art will be displayed for your viewing pleasure. Light refreshments will be served.

Music in the library

G All ages
Gauga West
Sun., March 11, 2 p.m.
Enjoy music while you browse on a Sunday afternoon. Local musicians from the West Geauga school district will entertain.

Homeschool: Start your chart

C Grades 3 – 12
Chardon
Mon., March 12, 10 a.m.
See information on page 17.

Build a character

B Grades 4 – 8
Bainbridge
Thurs., March 15, 3:30 p.m.
Kids can attend a writing workshop with local author Mary Ryan where they learn how to build a character.

Spots and polka dots

C Grades 3 – 5
Chardon
Thurs., March 15, 4 p.m.
Why are leopards and cheetahs spotted? Where did polka dots come from? Explore all things spots and dots with games and crafts.



Mini-Golf

G Gauga West
Sun., March 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Join the Geauga County Library Foundation for its annual fundraiser where families can "putter a round" in the library. For only \$5 per person, you can play 18 holes of indoor mini-golf, enjoy face painting, see the sheriff's K-9 unit, and pose with Slider to get in the spirit of the Cleveland Indians' upcoming season. More attractions to be added.

Rainbow riot

C Grades K – 2
Chardon
Thurs., March 22, 4 p.m.
Experience rainbows through experiments, prisms, special glasses and more.

All about bunnies, bunnies, bunnies

G All ages
Gauga West
Thurs., March 22, 7 p.m.
Learn how to care for a bunny from the experts from the 4-H Hare Raisers. Bunnies will be here to pet too.



Youth and Family

All programs are one hour and require registration unless noted.

Family beach party

B All ages
Bainbridge
Sun., March 25, 2 p.m.
Have a great spring break beach party at the library. You won't miss the sand getting tracked back into the car.

Meet and greet with the Easter Bunny

B All ages
Bainbridge
Fri., March 30, 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate spring with crafts and games, and get a photo taken with the Easter Bunny for a \$10 donation to the Friends of the Library.

APRIL

Frogs are a-hopping

G All ages
Geauga West
All April
Frogs are a-hopping at the library. Hop in and check out our book display on frogs and other amphibians. Enter our raffle to win a "pet" frog.

Joke of the day

G All ages
Geauga West
All April
April 1 is April Fool's Day! We will keep you laughing all month. Visit the library every day for our Joke of the Day, and take home a silly joke to share.

Tech toys

C Grades K - 5
Chardon
Thurs., April 12, 4 p.m.
Try out some of the library's technological gadgets, including Osmo, Snap Circuits, Sphero, and others.



Amphibian awakening

G All ages
Geauga West
Sun., April 15, 2 p.m.
Warm evening rains draw salamanders, frogs and toads out of hibernation to begin their annual courtship. A Geauga

Parks naturalist will help participants discover the habits and habitats, adaptations and life cycles of these captivating creatures.

Homeschool: Spring fun scavenger hunt and hike

OFF-SITE All ages
Swine Creek Reservation (off-site event)
Mon., April 16, 10:30 a.m.
Join us at Swine Creek Reservation for a short hike, scavenger hunt and a nature craft. Check out nature books from the Fun Bus too.

Financial literacy for kids

G Grades K - 5
Geauga West
Thurs., April 19, 7 p.m.
Citizens Bank will present a money skills program.

Celebrate Earth Day

M Grades K - 5
Middlefield
Fri., April 20, 4 p.m.
Let's celebrate our planet with some eco-friendly fun.

Campfire storytime

B All ages
Bainbridge
Fri., April 20, 6:30 p.m.
Come to our spring campfire where we'll share great stories.

Meet Mouse from *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie...*

M Middlefield: Sat., April 21, 10 a.m.
C Chardon: Sun., April 22, 2 p.m.
B Bainbridge: Thurs., April 26, 10 a.m.
G Geauga West: Thurs., April 26, 7 p.m.

... He'll want to come to the library for a party. Meet the famous mouse that got the books rolling. Laura Numeroff's first book character, Mouse, will be at the library for a fun time. We will read the story and have some fun activities. Bring your camera.

Book bunch

G Grades 4 - 5
Geauga West
Mon., April 23, 4:30 p.m.
Visit the library the week of March 4 to pick up your copy of Stuart Gibb's book

Belly Up, and join us for a fun discussion and snacks.

Play with play dough

B Grades K - 3
Bainbridge
Tues., April 24, 3:30 p.m.
Have fun with play dough.

Beginner's beats

B 3 - 8 years
Bainbridge
Sat., April 28, 11 a.m.
Learn how to beat box and rock out with the musical duo In2active.

MAY

Mother's Day craft and raffle

G All ages
May 1 - 13
Geauga West
Make a special craft for mom for Mother's Day, enter our raffle for Mother's Day, too!

Favorite doll and teddy bear tea

C Grades K - 5
Chardon
Thurs., May 3, 4 p.m.
Bring your finest table manners and favorite doll or teddy bear to our very special tea party.

Music, movement, action: Summer reading preview

G All ages
Geauga West
Thurs., May 3, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Join us for stories, songs and lots of action.

Picture book putt putt

M All ages
Middlefield
Sun., May 6, 2 - 4 p.m.
Families, celebrate Children's Book Week with a round of mini-golf. You'll be sure to recognize some of your favorite characters in our children's book-themed courses.

Homeschool art show

M Grades K - 12
Middlefield
May 25 - June 3, during open hours
Homeschoolers, bring your best work for us to display. Artwork drop-off, Friday, May 25, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Show opening, Fri., May 25, 6:30 p.m.

All programs are for grades 6 - 12 and require registration unless noted.

JANUARY

Tearable puns

G Geauga West
All January

Visit the library during the month of January for a ripping funny pun, joke, or a one-liner. Put a pun in your pocket!

Volunteer to be a volunTEEN

M Grades 9 - 12
Middlefield

Wed., Jan. 3, 3 p.m.

Sign up to earn volunteer hours by being a volunTEEN at the library and helping out with programs in the children's department. We'll share available opportunities.

Book buddies

B Grades 1 - 3 read to teens
Bainbridge

Wednesdays: Jan. 10, Feb. 7, March 7, April 11, 3:30 p.m.

Kids, have fun reading to a teen volunteer. Registration required. Teens in grades 6 - 12 can volunteer to be a book buddy to an elementary school student. Call the library to sign up.

Tween scene

M Grades 5 - 8
Middlefield

Wednesdays: 1 p.m.

Jan. 10, 24

Feb. 7, 14, 28

March 7, 14, 21

April 11, 18, 25

Play a game, doodle, make a craft, or do your homework while hanging out with your friends. Snacks included.

Teen café

C Chardon
Thurs., Jan. 11, 3:30 p.m.

Winter is upon us, so come to the teen coffee house at Café Chardon to warm up. We will provide all the beverages, snacks, and crafts for an enjoyable afternoon.

Teen coffee house

G Geauga West
Tues., Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m.

Hang out with friends, talk, read, listen to music and drink coffee or hot chocolate and enjoy a sweet treat. Set this time for yourself to relax with friends.

Teen idea lab

M Grades 5 - 12
Middlefield

Wednesdays: 3 p.m.

Jan. 17: Circuits

Feb. 21: Water bottle science

April 4: Marble madness

What do you do with an idea? Come to our Idea Lab workshops to explore new ways to create.

How to "handle it all" workshop

B Bainbridge
Thurs., Jan. 18, 7 p.m.

Teens and their parents can sign up for a workshop on balancing school work, other responsibilities, and a social life. Life coach Natalie Borrell will share tips on how to use time effectively. She will focus on avoiding distractions using apps and routines to keep students on track.

Make your own swag

B Bainbridge
Fri., Jan. 26, 3:30 p.m.

Make your own swag with shrinky dinks and buttons.

FEBRUARY

Chocolate kiss guess

G Geauga West
All February

Guess how many chocolate kisses are in the jar. If you guess correctly, you win the jar! Winner announced at month's end.

Snowflake makerspace

C Chardon
Mon., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m.

Popsicle sticks, paint, and more will be available to create some cool snowflake crafts. Snacks provided.

Meal in a mug - and movie

B Bainbridge
Fri., Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun after-hours event to make a meal in a mug and watch a movie.

Pyeongchang 2018

G Geauga West
Tues., Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m.

Explore and sample the food and culture of Pyeongchang, South Korea, home of the XXIII Winter Olympics.

Book tasting

B Bainbridge
Fri., Feb. 23, 3:30 p.m.

Participate in our "book tasting" and find your next favorite read.

MARCH

Dr. Seuss coloring

G Geauga West
All March

Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2. Don't miss your chance to visit the library and color some specially printed designs. You can even re-read your favorite Seuss book just for fun!

Legos® and lattes

C Chardon
Thurs., March 8, 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy hot beverages and snacks while trying your hand at constructing with Legos purchased by Chardon Friends of the Library.

Teen bingo

B Bainbridge
Fri., March 9, 7 p.m.

Join us for after-hours bingo fun!

Pi day pies

G Geauga West
Tues., March 13, 3:30 p.m.

Get ready for Pi day! Celebrate math and make mini pies.



Teen tie dye

B Bainbridge
Fri., March 23, 3:30 p.m.

We provide one shirt for you to tie dye, but feel free to bring other items to color.

APRIL

Poem in your pocket

G Geauga West
All April

April is National Poetry Month, and we're celebrating. Teens are invited to take a poem for their pocket.



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.

B Bainbridge: Afternoons Mondays: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

- Jan. 8 *Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal* by Mary Roach
- Feb. 12 *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng
- March 12 *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
- April 9 *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline

- ### **Bainbridge: Evenings** Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 16 *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick
 - Feb. 20 *Brooklyn* by Colm Tóibín
 - March 20 *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond
 - April 17 *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

- ### **"Thursdays are murder" book discussion group** Thurs., 7 p.m.
- Jan. 11 *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley
 - Feb. 8 *The Kind Worth Killing* by Peter Swanson
 - March 8 *Title TBD*
 - April 12 *Title TBD*

C Chardon Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

- Jan. 17 *Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things* by Gail Steketee and Randy Frost
- Feb. 21 *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple
- March 21 *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald
- April 18 *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
- May 16 *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape and the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard

G Geauga West Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

- Jan. 3 *The Astronaut Wives Club* by Lily Koppel
- Feb. 7 *Daughters of the Samurai* by Janice Nimura
- March 7 *The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows
- April 4 *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson
- May 2 *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender

M Middlefield Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

- Jan. 11 *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje
- Feb. 8 *Lost Ravioli Recipes of Hoboken: A Search for Food and Family* by Laura Schenone
- March 8 *Garden Spells* by Sarah Addison Allen
- April 12 *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich

N Newbury Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

- Jan. 16 *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck
- Feb. 20 *The Dead Key* by D.M. Pulley
- Mar. 20 *The Killer Inside Me* by Jim Thompson
- April 17 *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie

T Thompson Sundays, 2 p.m.

- Jan. 21 *Jane Steele* by Lyndsay Faye
- Feb. 18 *In a Dark, Dark Wood* by Ruth Ware
- March 18 *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* by Loung Ung
- April 15 *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
- May 20 *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

Read between the wines book discussion group. First Wednesday of the month at a local winery, 5 p.m., location TBD

- Feb. 7 *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins
- March 7 *Girling Up: How to Be Strong, Smart and Spectacular* by Mayim Bialik
- April 4 *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
- May 2 *All the Birds in the Sky* by Charlie Jane Anders

BOOK SALES

Proceeds from book sales benefit each library's Friends' group, which you may join at your library. Membership dues are modest and help provide funding for programs, prizes and other library offerings. Our Friends support many events our patrons enjoy. Ask about joining. Memberships may be purchased at individual libraries.

B Bainbridge *Sponsored by the Bainbridge Women's Club and Bainbridge Friends of the Library*

- Members preview
- Tues., May 8 4 - 6 p.m.
- Open to the public
- Tues., May 8 6 - 8:45 p.m.
- Wed., May 9 9 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.
- Thurs., May 10 9 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.
- Fri., May 11 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- Sat., May 12 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- Bag day/Open to public
- Sat., May 12 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
- Donation day
- Sun., May 13 1 - 4:45 p.m.

C Chardon *Sponsored by the Chardon Friends of the Library*

- Members preview
- Thurs., April 26 9 - 10 a.m.
- Open to public
- Thurs., April 26 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Fri., April 27 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sat., April 28 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Bag day/Open to public
- Sun., April 29 1 - 5 p.m.

G Geauga West *Sponsored by the Geauga West Friends of the Library*

- Members preview
- Wed., Feb. 28 4 - 6 p.m.
- Open to the public
- Wed., Feb. 28 6 - 8:30 p.m.
- Thurs., March 1 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 2 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Bag day/Open to public
- Sat., March 3 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

M Middlefield *Sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Library*

Weekdays, Noon - 3 p.m.
When you are visiting the Middlefield Branch, please stop in our Friends Room and take a look at our ongoing book sale. You'll find great bargains and a friendly atmosphere.

N T Newbury & Thompson

Visit the ongoing book sale during regular business hours at each of our library stations.

Bag days allow shoppers to fill a grocery bag full of books for a super-low price.

Beat the clock

C Chardon
Thurs., April 5, 3:30 p.m.
Come prepared to balance, stack, and perform other feats of skill as you test yourself in our minute-to-win it style challenges.

Peeps-a-palozza

G Geauga West
Tues., April 10, 3:30 p.m.
Come and see all the fun you can have with Peeps besides just eating them.

Poetry games for teens

- B** Bainbridge: Fri., April 13, 3 - 4:30 p.m.
- M** Middlefield: Tues., April 17, 3 - 4:30 p.m.
- C** Chardon: Fri., April 20, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with us. See description on page 15. Program customized for teen audience.

MAY

Bubble wrap stress relief

G Geauga West
All May
Teens, visit the library in May and relieve your stress from school testing with our bubble wrap.

Book buddy training

G Grades 5 - 12
Gaugua West
Tues., May 22, 2:45 or 4:15 p.m.
Volunteer to be a book buddy to a grade school student. Book buddies meet after Trailblazers and must attend one of the training sessions to participate.



Relax with therapy dogs

G Geauga West
Tues., May 22, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Finals got you stressed? We'll have therapy dogs and light refreshments to help you find your zen.

Programs require registration and are one hour unless noted.

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Red Cross blood drive

- M** Middlefield: Thurs., Dec. 28, 1 - 6 p.m.
- C** Chardon: Wed., Jan. 3, 1 - 6 p.m.
- G** Geauga West: Mon., Jan. 8, 1 - 7 p.m.

This holiday season, give the gift of life. Give blood.

Civil Rights StoryWalk®

B Bainbridge
All January
Read your way through the story "I Have a Dream" around the library and learn about the Civil Rights Movement and participate in an activity at the end of your walk.

Winter reading program: Baby, it's cold outside

M Middlefield
All January and February
Warm up with a good book. Each time you check out books or audiobooks during January and February, you will receive an entry for our weekly winter reading prize drawings. Attend a library program to receive another entry.

Throwback Thursdays

G Geauga West
The last Thursday of each month during 2018, stop in and guess which year we're reliving. Find clues in the books, movies, and music we have on display, and maybe even employees' style of dress. Guess the year correctly and be entered to win a prize.

Learn with Lynda.com

- B** Bainbridge: Thurs. Jan. 4, 7 p.m.
- C** Chardon: Tues., March 20, 6:30 p.m.
- G** Geauga West: Tues., April 3, 7 p.m.
- M** Middlefield: Thurs., April 12, 6:30 p.m.

See description in Digital Discoveries, page 17.

Aging and disability resources

B Bainbridge
Mon., Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
Caring for a parent, relative, or friend can be complicated. Just starting the conversation about living alone, driving, and your loved one's wishes for independence can be mind boggling. Find useful resources, including how to cope with your journey's detours, and how to care for yourself while caring for others.

Self-publishing workshop

- C** Chardon: Tues., Jan. 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- M** Middlefield: Thurs., Jan. 11, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- G** Geauga West: Wed., Jan. 17, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Local authors and artists! Learn about SELF-e, PressBooks, and Biblioboard. The SELF-e platform, in partnership with *Library Journal*, allows local indie authors to turn their books into eBooks, showcasing them online. Biblioboard offers a wide range of possibilities for local artists, photographers, musicians, and more to create to share their work with local, state, and national audiences.



All aboard for West Africa

G Geauga West
Tues., Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
Get out of the cold and feel the warmth of West Africa. Local resident Dr. Suzanne Ondrus takes us on a journey with photos, music, literature, and fashion during her work in Guinea. Also learn how Conakry, Guinea is the UNESCO World Book Capital for 2017-2018.

Programs require registration and are one hour unless noted.



Kombucha workshops

G Geauga West
All sessions begin at 7 p.m. \$10 material fee for each session.

Level one: Basics. Tues., Jan. 9, Feb. 6 or March 13. 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.

Level two: Beyond the brew. Wed., Jan. 24, Feb. 21, or March 28. Learn about flavoring your kombucha and using the brew beyond the beverage. Vinegars, botanicals, fermented foods, cleaners and more. Take home a bottle of flavor infused kombucha vinegar and detailed guide with tips and recipes.

Setting and meeting your writing goals

C Chardon
Wed., Jan. 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Is being a published writer still a dream rather than a goal? Today is the first day of the rest of your writing life. In this class Deanna Adams helps you map out a timeline for your short- and long-term writing goals. Learn how to realize your passion through time management and a positive mindset.

Club Ink workshop

C Chardon, 440-285-7601
Wednesdays:
Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 7, 7 p.m.
March 7, 5:30 p.m.
April 4, 7 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. Coffee and tea provided. Registration not required. Questions? Send to Club.Ink@geaugalibrary.info.

Cut the cable

- M** Middlefield: Wed., Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.
- N** Newbury: Thurs., Jan. 18, 7 p.m.
- B** Bainbridge: Thurs., Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
- T** Thompson: Thurs., March 1, 7 p.m.
- G** Geauga West: Wed., March 21, 7 p.m.

Learn how to cancel your cable and still get the programs and content that you want, when you want them. Explore cost-effective alternatives like Apple TV, Amazon Fire, Roku, Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon.

Homeschool library tour

B Bainbridge
Fri., Jan. 12, 11 a.m.
Homeschool families, tour the library and learn about available resources to support homeschooling.

A history of Chagrin Falls Park

B Bainbridge
Sun., Jan. 14, 2 p.m.
In commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Bainbridge Historical Society presents the history of Chagrin Falls Park, a local African-American community.



Sala Udin: A first-hand account of how the Civil Rights Movement impacted America

G All ages
Gauga West
Monday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m.
Mr. Udin will share his Civil Rights Movement experiences including having heard Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech and the impact MLK's work and subsequent assassination had on him and the country as a whole. Hear how his experiences, Dr. King's work and the

Civil Rights Movement affected American society. To be followed by a question-and-answer session.

James A. Garfield and civil rights

- M** Middlefield: Tues., Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.
- C** Chardon: Thurs., Jan. 18, 7 p.m.
This program traces James Garfield's attitudes toward African-Americans and his interactions with them while in the Union Army and in Congress. Learn about his determined support of the civil, political, and voting rights of African-Americans during Reconstruction and in the years that followed. Presented by the James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

Creative journaling

M Middlefield
Thurs., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Whether you're new to journaling or have been journaling for years, come and learn some fun and creative ways to bring new energy to your writing with Ginny Taylor. Together, we'll learn new journaling techniques and also introduce the idea of creative journaling using images and colors. Bring a journal and pen.



"Quilt" block party

C Chardon
Saturdays: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, 9:30 – 11 a.m.
The block party meets on the third Saturday of the month and features a demonstration of a special sewing project or quilt block, a show-and-tell for participants who want to showcase their own projects, and snacks. Share expertise, request future details on projects of interest, and find out what the library has to offer in the field of fiber arts.

Programs require registration and are one hour unless noted.

100 Book Challenge luncheon

Administrative Center
(12701 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon)
Sat., Jan. 20, noon

Have you signed up for our 100 Book Challenge? Meet your fellow participants from across the county and pick up a list of supplemental titles to choose from. 2018 is the last year to sign up. Register by Tues., Jan. 16.

Benefits of dogs for seniors

C Chardon: Sat., Jan. 20, 2 p.m.

G Geauga West: Wed., April 11, 7 p.m.

Man's best friend may be his dog for more than one reason. Though companionship and comfort is often the first thought when discussing the positive effects of owning a dog, the overall benefit may include improved health. Meet Alan and his dog Shawn, and learn how Shawn went from zero to hero as a rescue. UH Pet Pals and Rescue Village will have ambassador dogs. Adoptable dogs will be available.



Make, take and bake: Cinnamon rolls

M Middlefield
Mon., Jan. 22, 6 p.m.

Learn how to make a sweet yeast bread dough and form it into heavenly cinnamon rolls so you can take it home to raise and bake to enjoy later.

Lip balm, lotion, and scrubs

B Bainbridge
Mon., Jan. 22, 7 p.m.

It's a great time of year to hydrate your skin naturally. Lee Ann Halley from the Village Herb Shop will discuss natural spa products and will lead us in making lotion, lip balm and a sugar scrub. \$15 materials fee.

National pie day celebration

B Bainbridge
Tues., Jan. 23, 7 p.m.

Learn some tips and tricks about pie-making and get information about local

baking contests and fairs at this sweet event. Samples will be shared. Can't make the program? Stop by for a free slice of pie from noon - 6 p.m.

Shutterbugs photography exhibit

G Geauga West
Tues., Jan., 23, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Stop by to enjoy a beautiful photography exhibit brought to you by members of local photography enthusiasts, the Geauga Shutterbugs.

Beginning again after age 50

N Newbury
Wed., Jan. 24, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 13, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Laid off and looking for work? Outliving your retirement funds? Financially independent but ready for a new challenge? Whatever your reason, there are plenty of challenges in starting a new career after age 50. Presented by Encore NEO, a local nonprofit dedicated to helping people find their encore careers.

Grams, gramps and little ones

M Middlefield
Fridays: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23, April 27, 10:30 a.m.

Beat cabin fever and enjoy storytime with your grandkids. We'll start the morning with a story and end with a craft. The best part is we clean up the mess.

Medicare made easy

G Geauga West
Tues., Jan. 30, 7 p.m.

Are you 65, having just qualified for Medicare? Learn the essentials to make wise decisions about your coverage as well as avoiding common mistakes. Learn the differences between Medicare Parts A, B, C and D, between Medicare Advantage and Medicare supplement plans, enrollment deadlines and much more.

Energy in your home: How PUCO works for you

B Bainbridge: Wed., Jan. 31, 7 p.m.
Chardon: Mon., Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Get help managing your utilities. Luka Papalko, Public Information Officer with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, will present information on alternative providers of gas and electric, winter assistance programs, and home weatherization audits. Bring copies of electric and natural gas bills.

FEBRUARY

Hungarian cuisine

N Newbury
Sun., Feb. 4, 2 p.m.

Learn to make authentic Hungarian food with regional variations. Meals include chicken paprikash and goulash.

Appy hour

B Bainbridge
Mon., Feb. 5, 7 p.m.

Parents, learn about the best educational apps and educational databases to share with your children.

History of the romance novel

B Bainbridge
Wed., Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

Learn about the evolution of the romance novel as we take a look at one of the industry's most popular genres. We will also discuss favorite authors and exciting new releases.

Aromatherapy workshop

G Geauga West
Wed., Feb. 7, 7 p.m.

There is so much more to essential oils than smell. Learn how they can be used to clean your home, manage stress, ease aches and pains, and improve sleep and mood.

Folk songs across the American songbook

M Middlefield
Sat., Feb. 10, 1 p.m.

Listen or sing along with guitar, mandolin, harmonica, flute, and voice. Join Ray and Kate Ritchie for a musical gathering to warm a winter's day.



All-occasion card class

G Geauga West
Sun., Feb. 11, 1:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Make a variety of cards including birthday, get well and thinking-of-you. All levels of experience. Please bring: double-sided tape, scissors and a bone folder if you have one. \$10 materials fee.

Programs require registration and are one hour unless noted.

Game day

C Chardon
Sundays: Feb. 11 and April 8,
1:30 p.m.

Connect with friends over cards, classic board games, trivia (bring your favorites) and snacks.

Caring for the caregiver

B Bainbridge
Mon., Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Caregivers end up putting their own needs aside to care for their loved ones. Please join us and learn more about caring for the caregiver with the experts from UH Geauga Medical Center.

Make-and-take essential oil spray

M Middlefield
Thurs., Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.

One of the easiest ways to use to use essential oils is to incorporate them into sprays. Make and take home a spray. \$5 materials fee due at registration.

Presidents Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln

M Middlefield
Sat., Feb. 17, 3 p.m.

Hear the story of the two men that struggled to save their nation's cause. It's how an obscure, unknown man grew to be a hero while a known and respected man became an outcast, despised, and nearly forgotten. Despite their differences, they shared many similarities, both in life and death.

Make, take and bake: Braided challah bread

M Middlefield
Tues., Feb. 20, 6 p.m.

Learn how to make an egg-based yeast bread dough and form it into an amazing braided challah loaf to raise, bake and enjoy at home.

Meet the fats

B Bainbridge
Wed., Feb. 21, 7 p.m.

Some fats are better than others. Learn the difference between saturated, trans, mono and polyunsaturated fats. How do fats affect your health? Discuss how to live fat sensibly and read labels so you know what you are eating. Presented by UH Geauga Medical Center.

MARCH

Disaster preparedness

B Bainbridge
Mon., March 5, 7 p.m.

All of us face the possibility of natural disasters, accidents, power outages or intentional acts to disrupt our daily lives. We cannot control the weather or prevent disasters from happening, but there are steps you can take to minimize risks from potential hazards. Please join us and learn more about disaster preparedness with the experts from UH Geauga Medical Center.

Elder care tips

G Geauga West: Wed., March 7,
noon – 1:30 p.m.

B Bainbridge: Mon., April 9, 7 p.m.
A panel of experts will discuss the following wellness strategies: Importance of spinal health, tips for better health, taking control of your retirement, fall prevention, and "be healthy, stay healthy."

Beekeeping 101

G Geauga West
Wed., March 7, 7 p.m.

The Geauga Bee Keepers Association will share how to be a successful beekeeper. Knowing what to do and when will help the beekeeper maximize honey yields and maintain healthy colonies. Learn about the life cycle of bees and what is affecting them in the 21st century.

Turning History into Fiction Workshop

C Chardon
Wed., March 7,
7 p.m.

Join local author D.M. Pulley for a discussion on how history inspires her novels and how she draws the line



25 ways to organize your home this spring

C Chardon: Sat., March 10, 10 a.m.

B Bainbridge: Sat., March 10, 2 p.m.

M Middlefield: Thurs., March 15, 10 a.m.

Sarah Karakain is a member of the National Associate of Productivity and Organizing Professionals and is most recently known for her work on HGTV's summer series *Beach Flip*. She will share her top organizing tips that have helped countless New Yorkers conquer their small and awkward spaces. Her tips can be applied to homes and offices of all sizes. Make life easier and more enjoyable by being organized.

between fact and fantasy when writing historical fiction. She will review her own historical research techniques and lessons learned in this one-hour seminar.



Paint and sip

G Geauga West
Fri., March 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Paint a simple painting and enjoy a glass of wine. 21 and older. \$5 materials fee payable at class.



Gauga Department on Aging: Local services

B Bainbridge
Mon., March 12, 7 p.m.

Get an overview of programs and services available to Geauga County seniors age 60 and older. Discover the Geauga Senior Centers, home safety, home delivered meals, and assistance with daily living programs.

Programs require registration and are one hour unless noted.

How to purchase a bike

B Bainbridge
Wed., March 14, 7 p.m.
Have you been thinking about buying a bike? Experts from Bike Ohio will provide guidance in choosing the right one for your needs and budget.

Meet the author: Frank Monastra

G Geauga West
Tues., March 20, 7 p.m.
Local author Frank Monastra discusses his book, *King of Clubs*, which profiles some of the most famous illegal casinos in and around the Cleveland area during the 1930s and 1940s.



Midwest Railroad

M Middlefield
Tues., March 20, 7 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to drive a locomotive or help repair an old steam engine? Midwest Railway Preservation Society may be able to help make that dream come true. Located in the flats of Cleveland, this organization will talk about railroad adventures along with available railroad tours, classes and hands-on experience.

Create your own cleaning supplies

B Bainbridge
Wed., March 21, 7 p.m.
Make your own natural household cleaning products, including glass cleaner, degreaser, and disinfectant.

Scrapbooking crop

C Chardon
Sat., March 24, 1 – 4:30 p.m.
Bring your photos and supplies. Use our Ellison die machine and work on all types of paper crafts such as cards, scrapbooks or iris folding.

Welcoming home the bluebird

M Middlefield
Tues., March 27, 6:30 p.m.
With development replacing open grasslands, non-native birds are competing for dwindling nesting areas. Our "cheerful charmer" has not had such a cheerful story. Learn about these charming songsters and how you can create a welcoming home for them.



Upcycled paper bag workshop

B Bainbridge: Tues., March 27, 7 p.m.
G Geauga West: Tues., April 24, 7 p.m.
Make your own unique gift bags from old road maps. Bring your own or use one of ours.

Library lock-in series

M Middlefield
Saturdays: March 24 and April 28, 5:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Come to this after-hours event to work on your genealogy, needlecraft, or scrapbooking projects. Snacks provided.

How to beat the sugar blues

G Geauga West
Tues., March 27, 7 p.m.
Ever wondered how much sugar is in popular products like soda? Wellness experts from Heinen's share this information and discuss some healthier food and drink alternatives. Learn about some of the highlights of Heinen's and some of their new and favorite wellness products.

The honest backpacker

C Chardon: Sat., March 31, 10 a.m.
B Bainbridge: Tues., April 3, 7 p.m.
Jim Klopovic, discusses his new book *The Honest Backpacker: A Practical Guide for the Rookie Adventurer Over 50*. Every age will benefit. As he says: "Find Your Way - Take A Hike!"



APRIL

Look, lunch and listen

G Geauga West, 440-729-4250
Wednesdays: April 4, 11, 18, 25
Noon - 1 p.m.
Bring a lunch and join enjoy an entertaining program each week. Coffee provided. Sponsored by the Geauga West Friends of the Library.

Maple sugaring time: A bucket of memories

G Geauga West
Wed., April 4, 7 p.m.
With its origins in Native American know-how, maple sugaring became

deeply rooted in the history, economy and culture of Geauga County, the maple capital of Ohio. Tapping into the early history of maple sugaring, this presentation then flows into a nostalgic look at 20th century maple syrup production, as traditionally practiced by Geauga farm families. Presented by Geauga Park District.

The Friends of the Bainbridge Library annual meeting: Happy hour how-to

B Bainbridge
Fri., April 6, 6:30 p.m.
Learn to make classic cocktails and then sample them with hors d'oeuvres. Join the Bainbridge Friends Group to attend this 21-and-over event. \$5 admission for members. Become a member for only \$5 a year. Membership is available at the door.

Poetry games

C Chardon: Sat., April 7, 1 – 3 p.m.
G Geauga West: Tues., April 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
M Middlefield: Thurs., April 26, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
B Bainbridge: Mon., April 30, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Celebrate National Poetry Month with us. Reading and discussion of poems will lead to trying a number of techniques and games to help generate poems in real time. Learn how the element of play can open new poetic doors. Led by Patrick Culliton, MFA and author of *Sam's Teeth*.



The veil between heaven and earth: Experiences of the paranormal

M Middlefield
Sat., April 7, 1 p.m.
Jan Rice, past instructor at the enrichment program at Lakeland Community College, will share experiences of her communication with spirits, from the druids to the Civil War. With photos and thought-provoking accounts of her travels, she'll open your eyes to the hidden world around us.

Lowe's Greenhouse: Gardening in containers

B Bainbridge
Wed., April 11, 7 p.m.
What does it take to successfully grow vegetables and flowers in containers?

Programs require registration and are one hour unless noted.

Do all plants work well in pots, and what kind of soil should be used? What are the elements of creating beautiful flowering combinations in pots? Learn the answers to these, and many more gardening questions.

Longing-for-summer card class

G Geauga West
Sun., April 15, 1:15 - 4:30 p.m.
Ready for some beautiful warm weather? We'll make cards to help you feel in the spirit. All levels of experience. Please bring double-sided tape, scissors and a bone folder if you have one. \$10 materials fee.



Sustainability in the garden and home

C Chardon: Sun., April 15, 2 p.m.
Bainbridge: Mon., April 16, 7 p.m.
Learn how to reduce your carbon footprint with sustainable practices.

The Beatles in Cleveland: The notorious 1964 and 1966 concerts

C Chardon
Mon., April 16, 7 p.m.
Relive the excitement of Beatlemania as John, Paul, George and Ringo visit Cleveland for two of the wildest, out of control concerts in Beatles' and rock-n-roll history. Author Dave Schwensen will take you behind the scenes and on stage with the Fab Four through insider stories, rare concert films, never-before published photos and memorabilia. The evening highlights include rare films of The Beatles' riotous concerts at Cleveland Public Hall in 1964 and Cleveland Municipal Stadium in 1966.



Taking great travel photos

G Geauga West
Wed., April 18, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Learn from published photographer Judith Khaner on how to take great travel photos. Learn tips and techniques for researching, preparing your equipment, taking your pictures and editing and showing your work.

Small gifts from the heart

M Middlefield
Wed., April 18, 7 p.m.
Learn to make small gifts of appreciation from the heart with Zrinka Palmer. These make perfect wedding or baby shower favors or unique end-of-the-year gifts for those special teachers or friends.

History of the Western Reserve

M Middlefield
Thurs., April 19, 6:30 p.m.
When James Garfield's family arrived in Ohio, it was an area of wilderness and desolation, but it held promise for hard-working pioneers. Learn about this history of this area we call the Western Reserve, and the role it played in the development of northeast Ohio. Presented by the James A. Garfield National Historic Site.

Library shred day

OFF-SITE Administrative Center
Sat., April 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Prevent identity theft and take care of some spring cleaning at our free shred day. Patrons are encouraged to bring up to 5 standard sized bags or boxes of sensitive documents to be shredded on site by Protect-N-Shred.

Cooking with herbs

B Bainbridge
Tues., April 24, 7 p.m.
Learn how you can replace the salt shaker and make your food taste delicious with herbs. Change recipes to be more heart healthy and explore other benefits. Presented by UH Geauga Medical Center.



Invasive plants

C Chardon
Tues., April 24, 7 p.m.
Join Geauga Park District Natural Resource Management and learn about non-native, invasive plants in Geauga County. Hear how these unwanted plants affect native habitats and impact wildlife and learn how you can fight back these invaders on your property too. Bring a picture of your invasive plant for identification.

Edible flowers: From the garden to the kitchen

M Middlefield
Tues., April 24, 7 p.m.
Flip through a few vintage copies *Good*

Housekeeping and you'll see lots of dishes made with edible flowers. These blooms are making a comeback. The right flower (especially fruit, herb, and vegetable blossoms) can add flavor and interest to a dish.

After-hours spelling bee

B Bainbridge
Fri., April 27, 6:30 p.m.
School is in session for the library's after hours sip-and-spelling bee. Enjoy food and fun with fellow library goers and see if your team has what it takes to win it all. Call to register your team of three or four people, or to be added to a team. Official rules are at the reference desk.

Northcoast Writers' Showcase featuring Christina Baker Kline

OFF-SITE Lake Erie College (off-site event)
Sat., Apr. 28, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Christina Baker Kline, the bestselling author of *Orphan Train*, is the featured speaker at the inaugural Northcoast



Writers' Showcase at Lake Erie College. Meet local authors and

purchase their books, attend breakout sessions about writing and spend a day exploring writing and storytelling. Christina speaks at 3 p.m. and is available for book signing and photo opps following the presentation. This event is presented in conjunction with Lake County Libraries, Burton Public Library, the Geauga County Library Foundation, Lubrizol and Lake Erie College. GCPL's Fun Bus Bookmobile will be on site from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free and open to the public.



MAY

Napkin transfer cards workshop

C Chardon
Tues., May 1, 6:30 p.m.
Turn an ordinary decorative paper napkin into a stunning greeting card. Learn how to fuse a napkin to cardstock with this simple technique. Materials will be provided to make two greeting cards. Class taught by Angela Giaimo.

Digital Discoveries

Most class sizes are limited. Registration required.

B Bainbridge ● 440-543-5611

Learn with Lynda.com

Thurs., Jan. 4, 7 p.m.

Have you met Lynda.com? This amazing library resource is an online video library that helps anyone learn business software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. Find thousands of engaging, top-quality courses taught by recognized industry experts in a wide variety of fields. This course will help you find out how to put Lynda to work for you to help meet your individual learning needs.

Get to know your Android phone

Bainbridge

Thurs., April 19, 7 p.m.

Discover how to get the most out of your Android phone, from wrangling your settings to downloading productive, innovative and fun apps. Become an Android phone power user in no time.

C Chardon ● 440-285-7601

Get to know your Android phone

Thurs., Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

See description under Bainbridge.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Tues., Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.

Learn basic skills of this Microsoft Office spreadsheet program. Participants should have basic computer skills before attending.

Learn with Lynda.com

Tues., March 20, 6:30 p.m.

See description under Bainbridge.

Photoshop elements 101: A primer in post processing

Tues., April 17, 6:45 p.m.

Introduction to navigating the vast arrangement of tools in this powerful and very affordable Adobe software. Learn the fundamentals of image processing after capture. Must-know basics include; cropping, sizing,

sharpening, color correction, layers, retouching and more. Instructor is Steve Manchook.

G Geauga West ● 440-729-4250

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wed., March 14, 7 p.m.

See description under Bainbridge.

Learn with Lynda.com

Tues., April 3, 7 p.m.

See description under Bainbridge.

Computer basics

Thurs., April 12, 7 p.m.

Intimidated by the internet? Want to sit down at a computer with confidence, and get things done? Let's take those first steps to get you up and computing.

M Middlefield ● 440-632-1961

Learn with Lynda.com

Thurs., April 12, 6:30 p.m.

See description under Bainbridge.

Genealogy

Most class sizes are limited. Registration required.

Explore Familysearch.org.

M Middlefield: Thurs., Jan. 18, 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

G Geauga West: Sat., March 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (include time for searching)

We will explore Wiki, Tree, catalog, ways to search, finding records of other countries and tutorials. We will use laptops, so must have basic computer knowledge.

Start your chart: For beginning genealogists

C Chardon

Wed., Jan. 31, 3:45 p.m.

Learn to fill out ancestor charts and family group charts. Bring whatever names, birth, marriage and death dates and locations you know for the first four generations.

Free GCPL genealogy databases

M Middlefield: Thurs., Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.

G Geauga West: Thurs., April 19, 6:30 p.m.

Learn what our databases offer, including: Ancestry Library Version, Heritage Quest Online, Sanborn Insurance Maps, Cleveland Necrology File, Cleveland News Index, Ohio Memory, Ohio Historical Society, Worldcat, World Vital Records.

Cox and Hull genealogy

B Bainbridge

Tues., Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

Join moderator Linda Spehn for a discussion of the ancestry of the Cox and Hull families who have impacted Auburn and the surrounding areas over the last 100 years. Derecskey, Cline, Fontanelle, Brockway, and Canfield are names that occur in the family tree.

Climb your tree: For beginning genealogists

C Chardon

Wed., Feb. 28, 3:45 p.m.

Use online censuses and other records to find information for those on your ancestor chart. Bring your filled out

ancestor chart and family group charts from the "start your chart" class or fill one out before coming.

Start your chart for homeschool groups

C Chardon

Mon., March 12, 10 - 11 a.m.

Learn to fill out ancestor charts and family group charts. Bring names, birth, marriage and death dates and locations you know for the first four generations.

Researching local records, on- and off-line

B Bainbridge

Thurs., April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your ancestor to life with details found in on- and off-line local records. Learn what can be found in tax lists, tax maps, family files, historic newspapers, locally generated indexes and other less-known resources. A Geauga County family serves as an example.

Introduction to genealogy

N Newbury

Sat. May 5, 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.


Lecture about charts, which records to use and where to find them, documenting your sources and finding genealogy tutorials and helps.

Most class sizes are limited. Registration required.


Geauga County Genealogical Society Programs

The Geauga County Genealogical Society 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 are always welcome.

Growing up Amish

 Chardon
Tues., March 13, 7 p.m.
The simple uncluttered life of the Amish often reflects that of our ancestors. Find out what that life is like when Lorina Mast tells us about growing up Amish.

Program to be determined

 Chardon
Tues., April 10, 7 p.m.



Geauga County Bulletin Board

Geauga Growth Partnership

Geauga Growth Partnership, Inc. is a business-led 501c(3) organization dedicated to the retention, growth and attraction of jobs, investment and economic growth in Geauga County. Programs are free. You do not need to be a member to attend. GEL Breakfasts are co-sponsored by GGP and KSU Geauga. For more information on these programs and others, contact Geauga Growth Partnership at info@geaugagrowth.com or visit www.geaugagrowthpartnership.com. Unless noted, all events are held at Kent State University Geauga (14111 Claridon Troy Road, Burton).

GEL breakfast: Benefits of lean manufacturing

Adults
Kent State Geauga
Fri., Jan. 5, 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Business education and networking event. Kent Elastomer and Bob Orban present the benefits of Lean Manufacturing.

GGP high school internship program open house

Ages 17 -18, with caregiver
Kent State Geauga
Mon., Jan. 22, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Learn about GGP's high school summer internship program.

The state of Geauga County

Fri., Feb. 2, 7:30-9 a.m.
Kent State Geauga
Learn about education, human services, health and safety, government, business, agriculture and arts and leisure from local leaders.

GEL breakfast and networking: Gotta Groove Records, Vince Slusarz

Adults
Kent State Geauga
Fri., March 2, 7:30 - 9 a.m.

Ignite your career: Pathways to success for students

Ages 13 - 18, with caregivers
Check www.geaugagrowth.com for location to be announced.
Mon., March 5, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Teens and parents explore future career opportunities and education options.

GEL breakfast and networking: Kent State University President, Beverly Warren

Adults
Kent State Geauga
Fri., April 6, 7:30 - 9 a.m.

University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center

- UH Geauga Medical Center offers free educational seminars on various topics, including, orthopaedics, surgical weight loss, cardiovascular health, diabetes and women's health.
- To learn more visit UHGeauga.org.

UH Seidman Cancer Center at UH Geauga Medical Center education series

- Free education, screenings, and support groups are offered each month at University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center including Chemotherapy Classes. Call 440-285-6251 for more information.

Digestive Health Institute

- Join us for a new patient information session. If you are interested in weight loss surgery at University Hospitals Digestive Health Institute's Bariatric Surgery & Nutrition Center, please attend one of our free, new patient information sessions. Visit www.uhhospitals.org/weightloss for dates and times or to watch online.

Are you at risk for lung disease?

- If you are a smoker or a former smoker, you likely worry about lung cancer. Instead of worrying, put your mind at ease and get screened. University Hospitals offers a low-dose computed tomography (CT) scan that can find lung cancer early when it is very treatable. A physician order is required. Find out if this test is right for you. Then call 866-899-9121 to schedule your low-dose CT lung cancer screening at a location near you.

Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow provides services that promote children's growth and development while supporting families from birth – three years with:

- Prenatal visits
- Developmental screenings
- Answer concerns about your child's development

- Help in locating services for children with special needs
- Support and education
- Links to helpful community resources

For more information, call 440-729-5250 or 866-975-1100. Visit www.geaugaffc.org/helpmegrow



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Lake / Geauga Educational Assistance Foundation

Resource Center Open Programs
7700 Clocktower Drive, A-2101
440.525.7095 • leaf-ohio.org
All sessions are free, but please reserve a seat at leaf-ohio.org/leaf-resource-center. Sessions typically last 60-90 minutes. We recommend parents/guardians attend.

Senior scholarship session

Thurs., Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Get helpful hints on how to search and apply for different types of national and local scholarships.

Senior loan session

Thurs., March 22, 6:30 p.m.
Not sure how to fill the gap between your financial aid and college bill? Confused about student loans? Wondering how to apply? This session will help.

Senior session

Thurs., April 12, 6:30 p.m.
Learn about the college experience: When will bills arrive? What departments will you deal with? Is

graduation in four years still possible?

Junior session: Planning a campus visit

Thurs., Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.
What questions should you ask and who should you talk to when visiting a college campus?

Junior session: NCAA

Thurs., Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.
Sophomores and juniors, do you plan on playing sports in college? Learn the requirements and get your questions answered.

Junior session: Junior jumpstart

Thurs., March 8, 6:30 p.m.
Hear about the college application process, and how and when to apply for admissions and financial aid. A recommended timeline for your senior year will be presented.

Freshman/sophomore combined session

Thurs., Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m.
What can freshmen do to prepare for college? What other opportunities are out there for underclassmen?

- **Leadership Geauga**
- **Class of 2019 information night**
- Wed., April 18, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Munson Township Hall
- We work to inform, engage and inspire local adult and youth leaders
- to get involved and give back to their communities. Join Leadership alumni, community leaders and program staff and learn how our program could impact you or your organization.
- **Listening for understanding: Building community across divides**
- Tues., April 24, 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Wicked Woods, Newbury
- Jon Karlovec of Karlovec Media and Ken Douthit of Geauga Times Courier will discuss keeping an open mind to understand the opposing views you hear or read in the news and from those around you.
- **Brave Leadership: Lessons from local leaders on taking risks**
- Wed. June 13, 7:30 - 9 a.m.
- Caritas Financial, (11630 Chillicothe Rd, Chesterland)
- Hear three brave leaders share what they've learned about having courage in the face of adversity, going against the norm and creating new markets/products. Visit leadershipgeauga.org for more information or to register to attend.

Burton Public Library

14588 West Park Street
Burton, Ohio 44021
440-834-4466
BurtonLibrary.org
Unless noted, registration is required for programs. Check our website for information.

Scottish Highland dance class with Miss Christina

Ages 7 and older
Wed., Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 6 p.m.

Mark the Magician's magic class

Grades 2 - 5
Tues., Jan. 9, 3:30 p.m.

Monday crafternoons

Ages 5 and older
Mondays: Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30 p.m.

Balloon twisting workshop

Grades 2 - 5
Wed., Feb. 7, 3:30 p.m.

Therapy dog reading program

Grades K - 5
Sat., Feb. 24, 11 a.m.

Making music

Ages 5 and older
Mon., Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:30 p.m.

Maple sugaring time

Grades K - 5
Wed., Mar. 7, 3:30 p.m.

Lego tournament

Ages 5 - 12
Sat., Mar. 10, 11 a.m.

Edible book festival

All ages
Sat., Apr. 7, 11 a.m.

Crafternoons: Famous artists

Ages 5 and older
Mon., Apr. 9 and 16, 3:30 p.m.

Holden Arboretum: All about trees

All ages
Wed., Apr. 25, 3:30 p.m.

Feathers, fur and scales

All ages
Sat., Apr. 28, at 11 a.m.

Miss Car's art program

See website for info.

The Teen Scene

See website for info.

ADULTS

Burrrr-ton adult winter reading bingo

Adults
Wed., Jan. 3 - Wed., Feb. 28

Vision board

Adults and teens
Sat., Jan. 6, 1 p.m.

NAMI information night

Adults and teens
Tues., Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Chinese New Year festival with the Cleveland Chinese Music Ensemble

All ages
Sat., Feb. 3, 1 p.m.

Valentine's Date Night @ BPL

Adults
Stop in between Feb. 10 and 17 for a couple's scavenger hunt.

3D printed wine charms

Adults
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.

How do I get these photos off of my phone?

Adults
Tues., March 6, 6:30 p.m.

Good deeds program

Adults
Thurs., March 15, 6:30 p.m.

Human trafficking awareness and prevention

Adults and teens
Tues., March 20, 6:30 p.m.

How Geauga's landscape got its shape

All ages
Thurs., April 12, 6:30 p.m.

Terrariums for Earth Day

Adults
Sat., April 21, 11 a.m.

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Cardinal Schools requested a Foundation donation to help get free books in the hands of every fifth through eighth grader in the district. GCLF was happy to join United Way Services of Geauga County, the Women's Leadership Council of United Way, and Cardinal Middle School's PTO to promote reading. All these groups recognize that reading is largely how students learn. GCPL and the Foundation are committed to partnering with agencies and schools to help Geauga students improve their reading skills. GCLF approved a request to help



L-R: Barbara Reynolds, trustee Geauga County Library Foundation; Ed Worso, Geauga County Library Director; Becki Gierman, Interim Director of the Geauga County Library Foundation; Kimm Leininger, Executive Director of United Way Services of Geauga County.

purchase 350 copies of *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio as part of the school's "One School, One Book" reading initiative.

Lifelong learning starts with a solid foundation and extends into the community

Inspiring interest in excellent writing and sharing ideas among citizens of all ages, the Foundation also sponsors GCPL's Club Ink author events. This past September, in partnership with the Cleveland Sight Center, the Foundation split the cost of bringing *Thunder Dog* author Michael Hingson to Newbury. Additionally, the Foundation is partnering with numerous Lake County libraries to bring *Orphan Train* author Christina Baker Kline to the Northcoast Writers' Showcase, April 28 at Lake Erie College (see page 16 for details).

The Foundation's main fundraiser is Mini-Golf (Sun., March 18, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.) at the Geauga West Branch (see page 7 for details). This event, along with private donations, allow the Foundation to generously sponsor early literacy programs as well as events for all ages. If you would like to sponsor a hole, donate to the auction or make a donation, contact the Foundation at 440-286-6811 ext. 2533.

"Reading is the backbone of an informed society," says Rebecca Gierman, interim director of Geauga County Library Foundation. "Our mission is to support the library and encourage literacy. We hope that Geauga citizens from birth through their golden years take advantage of all the opportunities to read, learn and grow."

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LIBRARY HOURS WINTER/SPRING 2018

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:

New Year's

Sat., Dec. 30
Sun., Dec. 31
Mon., Jan 1

Easter, Sun., April 1

Maple Festival

Chardon only
Branch closes at 5 p.m.
Thurs., April 26
Closed: Sat., April 28 and Sun., April 29

Memorial Day

Sun., May 27
Mon., May 28

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.