



Press Release

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GCPL to offer American Sign Language interpreters at select programs

Geauga County – Oct. 2, 2018 – Geauga County Public Library is offering an American Sign Language interpreter at four events in November. “A request for ASL interpretation prompted us to research options to create a more inclusive environment for all our patrons, including the hearing impaired,” says GCPL Director Ed Worso.

November’s ASL events:

Wooden ornament workshop

Geauga West Branch (13455 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland)
Sat., Nov. 10, 2 – 4 p.m.

Make decoupage wooden Christmas ornaments. Bring your own photos if you wish. \$5 materials fee.

Make and take: Handcrafted Christmas ornament

Middlefield (16167 East High St., Middlefield)
Mon., Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Make your own unique Christmas ornament to brighten your home or for that special someone. \$5 materials fee.

Financial education workshop: Two-part series

Geauga West (13455 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland)
Two-part workshop designed to help you manage your money.

Part 1

Wed., Nov. 14, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Start thinking about money and money issues in a new way. Topics include communicating about money, tracking your spending, and organizing your bills, files and valuable papers.

Part 2

Wed., Nov. 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Focus on the step-by-step process to set up a budget. Discussion will include establishing credit, how to repair your credit, understanding your credit report and strategies to reduce credit card debt.

In addition to ASL interpretation at these events, GCPL also provides a hearing loop at all branches. This system magnetically transmits sound from the PA system to the telecoils in patrons’ hearing aids. This technology allows people who are struggling with hearing loss to enjoy presentations and conversations. Muffled sounds become crystal clear for people who have had difficulty hearing, even with the help of their hearing aids.



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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, and a Mobile Services fleet that serves rural areas and community centers. Its administrative center is located in Chardon, where technical services, computer services, facilities and administrative functions reside. GCPL houses more than 750,000 books and digital books. The collection also contains more than 100,000 audio / video items. About 400 research databases available via 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 the GCPL website, GeaugaLibrary.net.

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