



Geauga County Public Library

Press Release

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Geauga County Public Library Introduces Geauga Civil Rights Series

Geauga County – December 16, 2019 – GCPL will host the Geauga Civil Rights Series, a collection of programs across the county to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his work with the Civil Rights Movement and to celebrate Black History Month in Geauga County by hosting speakers and programs that initiate community conversations about race, equality, and social freedom.

The Civil Rights Series is sponsored by the Geauga County Library Foundation. Executive Director of GCLF, Becki Gierman, has this to say about the Civil Rights Series, "It's important that our community deepen and broaden our understanding of the history of racial injustice in order to help create a future free of race based oppression. With this series we've created opportunities throughout Geauga County for our residents of all ages to get involved in learning about racial equity and what they can do to transform our world into a better place."

Author Talk: Gail Lukasik

Off-site event: Newbury Auditorium, 14775 Auburn Rd., Newbury

Mon., Jan. 20, 2 p.m.

Author Gail Lukasik will discuss her book *White Like Her: My Family's Story of Race and Racial Passing*.

Workshop: Are You a good Civil Rights Advocate?

Geauga West

Fri., Feb. 7, 6 p.m.

This workshop, led by Clarence Bozeman, personal driver to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will take attendees on an independent investigation to ask themselves, "Am I a good Civil Rights advocate?" This workshop is intended for students in high school through adult age.

The Trials and Tribulations and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Off-site event: Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, 7600 Woodland Ave, Chagrin Falls Sat., Feb. 8, noon – 2 p.m.

Clarence Bozeman will share his experiences and insights into Dr. King's legacy. He will share the impact of Civil Rights struggle in America and how it impacts our community and children. A light lunch, provided by the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, will be served beginning at noon and Mr. Bozeman will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m.

Books on tough topics

Chardon

Sat., Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.: "Diversity and inclusion"

Parents and caregivers can join us to discuss books that can be used to cover the topics of diversity and inclusion with children and teens. During the discussion, children can participate in fun activities in a separate space.

The Community Within: Discovering African American History in Rural Ohio

Middlefield

Sat., Feb. 29, 2 p.m.

Ric Sheffield will speak on Discovering African American History in Rural Ohio. Many rural areas in Ohio have long-established black communities that are often invisible to the larger white communities in which they reside.

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About the Geauga County Public Library

The Geauga County Public Library includes four full-service Branches in Bainbridge, Chardon, Chesterland (Gauga 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, along with a full-service public library space with limited hours of service (Monday – Friday only). GCPL houses more than 750,000 books and digital books. The collection also contains nearly 70,000 audio / video items. About 75 research databases are 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 GaugaLibrary.net

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