



Lines & Links

Your Connection to Reading, Learning, and Growing since 1963 | WINTER/SPRING 2021

Ema made this awesome dragon egg in a Virtual Storytime and Craft program.



Thank you to Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine for taking part in our Stay at Home and Read fundraiser. Read more about the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library on pg. 6.



Sergeant Thomas Lombardo after reading Detective Dog for Geauga Reads.

CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

As we continue to adapt to these ever-changing times, we are constantly reminded of the resilience of our community. We have all had to change the operations of our lives at home and work, and we see day in and day out that we are truly in this together. Partnering with community organizations to aid our aging population with their taxes, promoting early literacy in Geauga County through the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library, or simply taking the time to sit down and read our community a feel-good children's book are just a few of the many ways we come together to engage and inspire one another.

Thank you for continuing to connect with us as we all do our best to stay healthy and safe in the new year that lies ahead.

See more about our community engagement initiatives on pages 4 - 5.

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#GCPLBuilds: Opening New Doors



THOMPSON

Our Thompson Branch opened in late October. We think you will love the open, spacious layout. The large windows offer ample light and views of the trees as they shift through the seasons. The collection is significantly expanded, and patrons have access to a number of technology features in our public space, the meeting room, and study rooms. A cozy fireplace in the Frances Spatz Leighton Reading Room ties the entire interior experience together, while a Buckeye tree donated by Representative John Patterson adds the first of many outdoor touches that will offer growth and beauty for years to come.



A view of the reading area outside of the Frances Spatz Leighton Reading Room



View of the stacks in the Youth section.

The light of reading:
A view of the main stacks.



We love this brick detail at the main entrance of the new Bainbridge Branch

BAINBRIDGE

The Bainbridge Branch should be complete by late December. This building will be significantly larger than the previous, with many engaging features, including a makerspace with 3D printer, large meeting and conference rooms, study rooms, a messy programming room, drive-up service, and more.

Thank you, Geauga County, for making these new buildings possible. Thank you to Donley's Construction and CBLH Design with Perkins + Will for their vision and diligence in bringing these buildings from dream to reality.



A view of the new building from Snyder Rd.



A light-filled look at one of the reading areas.



The main entrance of the Bainbridge Branch welcomes you!

NOTE:

Bainbridge Branch services are running out of the Gardiner Center, 9421 Bainbridge Rd., until the new building opens.

Due to the Coronavirus, **all Branches** continue to offer limited in-building services. Please visit www.GaugaLibrary.net for updates.

Community Built, Community Inspired



Geauga Park District Naturalist Linda Gilbert reads *The Night Gardener* for Geauga Reads



Vicki Clark from Ravenwood Health reads *The Good Egg* for Geauga Reads



Geauga Health Commissioner Thomas Quade reads *Sick Simon* for Geauga Reads

#GauguReads
Keep tuning into our Facebook page every Friday for more fun and engaging children's book readings from community luminaries! Search the hashtag #GauguReads to see past videos.



Check GauguLibrary.net for the winners of our first Teen Photography Contest

Teen Photography Contest
We were thrilled to hold our first Teen Photography contest with the theme "Fall in Geauga County." Check our website for the winners and finalists for prizes like a \$50 Amazon gift card and more.

Geauga County Library Foundation Online Store

Looking for that perfect gift for the library lover in your life? Complete your holiday shopping at the new Geauga County Library Foundation online store at GauguLibrary.net.

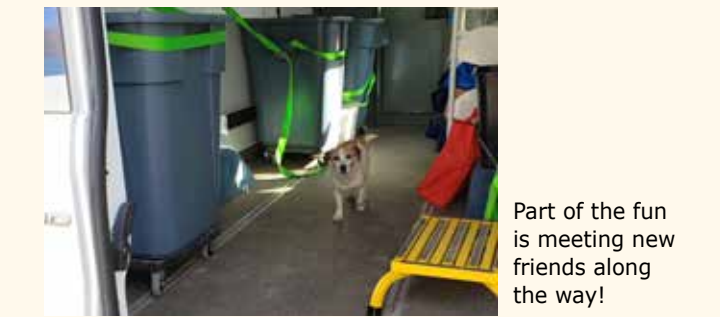
Check out library-branded apparel and accessories for men, women, and kids. Get your order shipped to your door or pick up for free at any GCPL Branch. A portion of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to the Geauga County Library Foundation so you can feel good about giving back when you give!

Amish Home Delivery
The Amish Home Delivery program is a new service for Bookmobile patrons that began in October. Mobile Services delivers books contact-free every two weeks to patrons who previously visited the Bookmobile. This popular program quickly filled to capacity, with 125 families receiving deliveries every week. Our staff check out and deliver over 7,000 books a week! While we miss bringing the bus to the community, we are happy to have a safe alternative to keep our patrons reading.



Beautiful day for Amish Home Delivery in Geauga County.

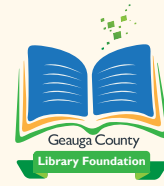
Mary Miller says, "My kids love getting new books every other week. They are so excited on the day the Bookmobile comes to visit."



Part of the fun is meeting new friends along the way!



Geauga County Library Foundation Spotlight



Local Celebrities and Patrons Support the Library by Staying Home and Reading

Readers of all ages supported the GCLF in their first ever Stay at Home and Read fundraiser, where library lovers were encouraged to spend their Friday night in with a book rather than go out. Many donated the money to the GCLF that they would have otherwise spent on dinner, a movie, parking, and a babysitter. The "non-event" raised over \$5,000 to support literacy programs in Geauga County, including the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library.

Bestselling authors, local celebrities, public figures, and library patrons shared photos of themselves reading at home on our social media platforms. They also shared their personal stories and endorsements on why reading and libraries are so important in our society. You can see all of them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching #GCPLStayHome.

"We are faced with the reality that it will be some time before we can do traditional in-person fundraisers such as book sales and our Annual Mini Golf at the Library event," says Becki Gierman, Executive Director of GCLF. "This was a really fun way to safely promote the library, engage the public, and raise some money to continue the literacy programs we fund."



Thank You to Our Sponsors!



"I have been a reader all my life. I truly don't know how I would have gotten through my life without books! And now, with this pandemic - they have helped to keep me sane. I have loved libraries my whole life."

Marge Bones (pictured above), on our Stay at Home and Read Fundraiser, with her husband Harry.



This eager reader helped make our Stay at Home and Read Fundraiser a success.

Enroll your child in Ohio Governor's Imagination Library today!



ohioimaginationlibrary.org

In a matter of minutes, you can begin your child's Imagination Library journey! Children from birth up to age five can sign up to receive a new book each month at no cost to you. Just visit ohioimaginationlibrary.org to enroll.



Distanced but Engaged



Virtual Programs

Our online programming continues to grow, with offerings for all ages. Go to www.GaugaLibrary.net and click on "Programs" to see upcoming programs. Please include your email when registering. Instructions for joining the program via Zoom will be provided upon registration.



Facebook Babytime

Tune in to our Facebook page on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. for Babytime with GCPL Youth Services Manager Alicia! All the stories and fun of our regular Babytimes, but online!

GCPL Reader's Happy Hour

Join us on Facebook Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for GCPL Reader's Happy Hour. Each week, we discuss recent releases, book recommendations, and what you are currently reading - no cocktail required!

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www.GaugaLibrary.net



Winter Reading 2021

We will be holding Winter Reading virtually this year. Be sure to visit www.GaugaLibrary.net and click on "Winter Reading" to get registered. Then, log your reading from Jan. 1 - Feb. 28. Reach your reading goals while also earning prizes! Open to all ages.

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Geauga County Public Library

Letter from the Director

As we look to wrap up a trying year, I would like to take a moment to focus on gratitude.

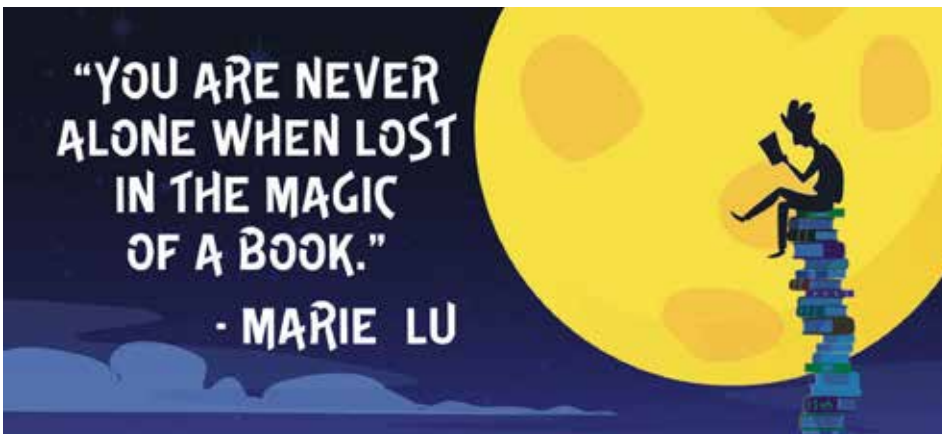
First off, I would like to thank the entire GCPL staff for adapting to the many changes thrown their way in response to the Coronavirus. From adapting programs and other library resources to the digital realm to taking the necessary precautions to keep yourselves, your co-workers, and our patrons safe as we reopened our Branches for limited services, your patience, flexibility, and dedication to our shared mission to engage, connect, and inspire our community has been, well, inspiring. Thank you.



Second, I would like to thank you, our community. In many ways, we have had to reinvent the way we operate. Your patience, understanding, and encouragement do not go unnoticed and fuel our drive to continue to serve you all to the best of our abilities. Thank you for engaging with new services like e-Cards, contact-free pickup, Ask Us Online, and more. These services help keep our community safe while also allowing us to all stay connected. Thank you, too, for taking the proper precautions when visiting our Branches. We love seeing you in our buildings and hope that with this continued group effort, we can return to full services soon. Thank you.

With an eye on the brighter days that do indeed lie ahead, I would like to wish you all a safe, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Director Ed Worso



LIBRARY HOURS WINTER/SPRING 2021

Bainbridge

Temporarily at the Gardiner Center, 9421 Bainbridge Rd.

Hours: Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Note: Once the new Bainbridge building is complete, hours will be the same as Chardon, Geauga West, and Middlefield.*

Administrative Center

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Chardon, Geauga West, Middlefield, and Thompson

Tuesday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

(First hour of service is reserved for high-risk populations)

Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

(First hour of service is reserved for high-risk populations)

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Upcoming Holidays

Thurs., Dec. 24: Closed all day

Fri., Dec. 25: Closed all day

Thurs., Dec. 30: Closed all day

Fri., Jan. 1: Closed all day

Sun., April 4: Closed all day



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Chardon, Ohio 44024
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Bainbridge - Temporary location

Gardiner Center
9421 Bainbridge Rd.
Note: New building will be located at:
17222 Snyder Rd.
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023
(440) 543-5611

Chardon

110 East Park Street
Chardon, Ohio 44024
(440) 285-7601

Geauga West

13455 Chillicothe Road
Chesterland, Ohio 44026
(440) 729-4250

Middlefield

16167 East High Street
Middlefield, Ohio 44062
(440) 632-1961

Mobile Services

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Middlefield, Ohio 44062
(440) 632-9496

Thompson

6645 Madison Rd.
Thompson, Ohio 44086
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