



## Lines & Links

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### Library Makes Deeper Cuts

Unprecedented cuts in state funding have hit the Geauga County Public Library hard. The Library Board is working diligently to balance the cuts it must make in order to continue to provide library services. Still, it is impossible to continue all of the programs and services our county has come to rely on in such great numbers. After studying when the libraries are most used, we will be reducing hours beginning January 2, 2010. (See new hours schedule on the back page).

In addition to cutting hours, employees have been laid off, other employees have had their hours cut, full time employees have had time-off benefits reduced, other vacant positions are not filled and all Geauga County Public Library employees, except those at the minimum wage, will receive a 2% salary decrease beginning January 2. Employees who receive health care benefits will continue to pay 33% of the premium costs.

Materials budgets have been reduced by \$250,000, resulting in

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fewer books, magazines, audio and video items on the shelves. Programs will be limited to those that promote early literacy and reading, meaning baby, toddler, and preschool storytimes and working with parents and caregivers to give every Geauga youngster the very best start on the path to being a great reader.

The library has stepped back to narrow its focus to the absolute essential elements it must continue to provide – circulation of books and other materials, providing reference assistance, including assistance with finding employment and building job skills, and providing early literacy classes for young children.

This means you won't find any school-aged or adult programs until our funding situation improves. The only exceptions will be pro-

grams paid for by the Friends of the Library groups throughout the county and programs that are included in the two federal grants we received in 2009 - "The Science of Harry Potter" and "Picturing America."

Because of the cuts in programming, the size of this newsletter is reduced saving additional dollars yet keeping you informed. We are all hoping for better economic times for Ohio and for Ohio's libraries. In the meantime, the library continues to watch every penny it spends and is constantly looking for ways to save. In spite of the cuts made in 2009, the Geauga County Public Library's circulation numbers are on track to set a record once again! Thank you for your support and your suggestions. Deborah O'Connor, oconnode@oplin.org

# Special Interest Programs

## Book Sales

### Bainbridge

Sponsored by the Bainbridge Women's Club.

Tuesday, May 4	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Preview sale for the Women's Club and Friends of the Bainbridge Library*
	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Open to the Public.
Wednesday, May 5	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Open to the Public.
Thursday, May 6	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Open to the Public.
Friday, May 7	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	BAG DAY!
Saturday, May 8	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	BAG DAY!

### Chardon


<b>Maple Festival Book Sale</b>	Sponsored by the Chardon Friends of the Library	
Thursday, April 22	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Members Only Preview*
	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open to the Public
Friday, April 23	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open to the Public
Saturday, April 24	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open to the Public
Sunday, April 25	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	BAG DAY!

### Geauga West

Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library		
Wednesday, March 10	4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Members only*
	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Open to the Public
Thursday, March 11	10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Open to the Public
Friday, March 12	10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Open to the Public
Saturday, March 13	10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	BAG DAY!

\*You may join or renew your membership at the door.

### Middlefield

When you visit the Middlefield Library, please stop in our Friends room to find great bargains and a friendly atmosphere at the ongoing booksale. 

## Tax Assistance Schedule

AARP Tax Assistance is available at the following libraries. You need to call your local library to schedule an appointment. Bring with you: 1) a copy of your 2008 tax returns; 2) all 2009 tax forms that you have received; 3) proof of identity.

### Bainbridge

Mondays, February 1 - April 12,  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Saturdays, February 6 - April 10,  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Call 440-543-5611 for an appointment

### Chardon

Tuesdays and Wednesdays,  
February 2 - April 14,  
10:10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Call 440-285-7601 for an appointment

### Geauga West

Thursdays, February 4 - April 14,  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Call 440-729-4250 for an appointment

## Picturing America Series

Programs for the Picturing America Series, a grant provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association, will be held at Chardon Library in the winter and Geauga West in the spring. Free and open to the public.

### Adult

Jesse Bryant Wilder, co-author of *Art History for Dummies*, presents a multi-media presentation on American Art in history.

### Chardon:


Monday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

### Geauga West:

Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.

### Children

**Chardon:** Explore American History Through American Art for grades K - 5, Thursday, February 11, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Geauga West:** Dabbles, Doodles, and Drawing is a family program, Sunday, April 18, 2:00 p.m. 

# Adult Programs

## Bainbridge

 **Registration required**  
begins January 2.  
Call 440-543-5611.

### Antiques Appraisal Night

Bring up to 3 hand-held items to be appraised for \$5.00 per person. Call 440-543-5611 for an appointment. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bainbridge Library.  
Monday, January 18, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Patrick Henry

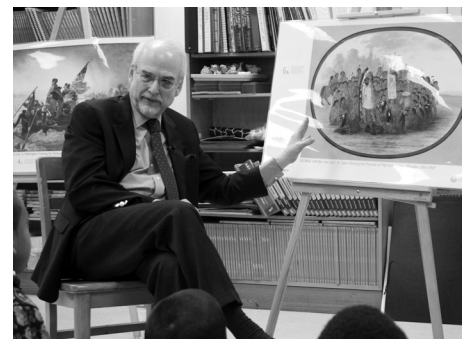
Patrick Jolly, a local descendant of the historical Patrick Henry, recreates his famous ancestor in costume and dialogue. The Friends of the Bainbridge Library feature this program as part of their annual meeting which is free and open to the public.  
Thursday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

## Middlefield

 **Registration required**  
begins January 4.  
Call 440-632-1961.

### Clara Barton, Civil War Nurse


Celebrate National Library Week with an evening with Clara Barton portrayed by Carol Starre-Kmiecik. Sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Library. Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



## Chardon

### Geauga County Genealogical Society

GCGS meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Bostwick Room at the Chardon Library. Programs are open to the public and start at 7:00 p.m.

**"Resources of the Geauga County Archives"** Linda Burhenne, Director of the Archives Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. 

# Youth Services Classes



## Bainbridge

**R** **Registration required**  
begins on January 11.  
Call 440-543-5611.

### Babytime

Fridays, February 5, 12; March 5, 12;  
April 2, 9 Sessions limited to 18  
babies with caregiver

### Ages 3 – 12 months

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

### Ages 12 – 24 months

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

### Storytime

Winter: January 19 - February 25  
Spring: March 8 - April 29  
No sessions week of March 30 - April 1.

### Toddler

2 – 3 years with caregiver  
Tuesdays, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m., 4:00 -  
4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. -  
12:00 noon, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. -  
10:45 a.m.

### Preschool

3 years and up  
Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.,  
Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.,  
2:00 p.m - 2:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m. - 5:00  
p.m. Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

### Family Puppet Show

*"Twice Upon a Time"*  
March 4, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## Chardon

**R** **Registration required**  
begins on January 5.  
Call 440-285-7601.

### Storytime

January 18 - April 30  
No stories the week of April 5  
Registration begins Tuesday, January 5

### Babytime

Birth – 24 months (with caregiver)  
No siblings, please.  
Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays,  
10:30 a.m.

### Time for Two's

24 months – 36 months  
(with caregiver) Child must be 2 by  
January 15. No siblings, please.  
Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Thursdays,  
7:00 p.m., Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

## Babies and Two's

For families with children under 3  
years old. Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

### Just for Three's

3 years old (with caregiver)  
Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

### Preschool

3 years and up  
Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, 10:30  
a.m & 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 7:00  
p.m. Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

### Pajama Family

Bring the children dressed in PJs  
(optional), especially geared to chil-  
dren age 6 and younger.  
Wednesday, January 13; Thursday,  
February 18; Thursday, March 18;  
Thursday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

## Geauga West

**R** **Registration required**  
Call 440-729-4250.

### Storytime

Registration for Winter Storytime  
begins Monday, January 4th.  
Sessions are January 11 - February 26.  
Registration for Spring Storytime  
begins Wednesday, March 3.  
Sessions are March 15 - April 26.  
There will be no storytimes the week  
of March 29. Please be aware of the  
new times.

### Babytime

Birth to age 2 with caregiver.  
Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.  
Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

### Toddler

Ages 2 to 3 with caregiver  
Mondays, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.

### Preschool

Ages 3 and up Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

### For Families:

**"Fun Family Fitness Frenzy"**

Sunday, January 10, 2:00 p.m.

**"Love Birds!"**

Sunday, February 7, 2:00 p.m.

**"Spring Cool Crops"**

Sunday, March 7, 2:00 p.m.

**"Are You My Mama Llama?"**

Saturday, May 8, 2:00 p.m.

## Middlefield

**Storytime** – no registration needed

### Book Babies

Ages 6-24 months, with parent or  
caregiver. Twenty minutes of stories,  
songs, and rhymes. Stay and play  
after the program! Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

### Time for Twos

Ages 2 – 3 years with parent or care-  
giver. Twenty minutes of stories,  
music, and more!  
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

### The Young and the Restless

A noisy, interactive story program for  
active children ages 2 – 5 years  
together with their caregivers.  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

### Preschool

Ages 3 and up  
Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and  
FUN! Parents are welcome to attend  
storytime, too, or browse the library!  
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. and  
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

### Grades K-5

PAWS for Reading  
Saturdays in March  
See Library for details

### Family Time

All ages.  
No age limit on this one...bring the  
whole family for some stories before  
bedtime!  
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

## Newbury

### Pre-school Storytime

Session 1  
January 18 - February 15  
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

### Session 2

April 12 - May 9  
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

## Thompson

### Preschool Storytime

February 1 – March 31  
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.



**Chardon Library**

**Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine**

A traveling exhibition and grant presented by the National Library of Medicine and the American Library Association.

**Opening Reception**

Tuesday, April 27, 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

**Birds of Prey**

Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center presents live birds of prey including falcons, hawks and vultures. Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

**Star Lore**

Enter an inflatable star dome to learn about star lore and legends. Saturday, May 1, 2:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**Medicine in the Renaissance**

A power point presentation of renaissance medicine as seen through the rare book collection of the CWRU Dittrick Medical History Center. Jim Edmonson, Curator. Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

**Tour the CWRU Dittrick Medical History Center**

A bus trip to tour the medical history museum at CWRU. Fee for bus ride. Saturday, May 8, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Harry Potter Fair on the Chardon Square**

Games and activities to celebrate Harry Potter. Saturday, May 15, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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 Chardon, Ohio 44024

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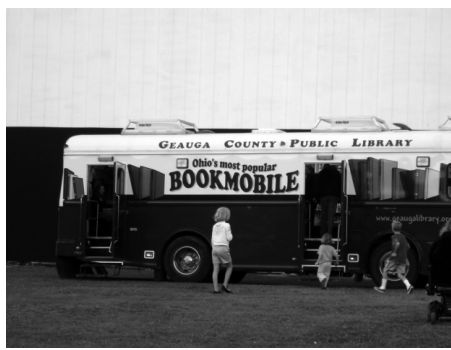
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**SNOW CLOSING POLICY**

Our library prides itself on being open and available to the public, but if it is necessary to close:

- Closings will be announced on TV and radio
- If in doubt, call ahead
- Have an emergency plan with your child if he or she is at the library when it closes early

When the public school district in which the library is located is closed due to inclement weather, morning storytimes are canceled. Please call your local library to determine whether other programs will be held.



**Holiday Closing:**  
 Easter Sunday, April 4

**NEW LIBRARY HOURS BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2010**

**Bainbridge, Chardon, Geauga West**

Monday - Thursday ----- 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Friday, Saturday ----- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Sunday ----- 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Middlefield**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ----- 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Saturday ----- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Sunday ----- 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Newbury (Closed on Friday)**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ----- 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Thursday ----- 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Saturday, Sunday ----- 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Thompson (Closed on Friday)**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday ----- 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Wednesday ----- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Saturday, Sunday ----- 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**GCPL DIRECTORY**

**Bainbridge Library**  
 17222 Snyder Road  
 Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023  
 (440) 543-5611

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

**Geauga West Library**  
 13455 Chillicothe Road  
 Chesterland, Ohio 44026  
 (440) 729-4250

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

**Newbury Public Library Station**  
 14775 Auburn Road  
 Newbury, Ohio 44065  
 (440) 564-7552

**Thompson Public Library Station**  
 16700 Thompson Road  
 Thompson, Ohio 44086  
 (440) 298-3831

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 16167 East High Street  
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