



Lines & Links

The Library ELF is ready to help keep you organized

Elves are the little folk who scurry around at night and make your shoes or tidy your house or mow your lawn. Now there is an elf created just for the purpose of keeping your library responsibilities organized. When is that book due? Which books did my children take out? Did I borrow this book from the Geauga County Public Library or another one? All are questions that plague us and often, if we don't have the answers, end up costing us money in overdue fines.

The Library ELF is a program that lets you sign up to get help for all of these situations and many more.

All you need to do is to go to www.geaugalibrary.org and click on Library ELF. From this service you will:

- Receive email notices of items before they become due
- View the due dates of various items in a calendar format
- Be notified of reserves as they become available
- Consolidate your library accounts or those of your entire family

Signing up with Library ELF is easy! Just be sure to choose "Gauga County Public Library" from the list of libraries, and to have your library card number and PIN ready. If you don't know your PIN, please contact your local library.

Library ELF is a private service not affiliated with the Geauga County Public Library, but we have agreed to release library records to Library Elf upon the request of the patron. You use Library ELF at your own option and risk. Users of Library ELF are required to submit personal information, including library card barcodes and PINs, to a database unaffiliated with and located outside of the Library. Please read Library ELF's privacy policy and FAQ before deciding to sign up for the service. We are already receiving rave reviews from your friends and neighbors who have signed up for this helpful service.



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Library Busier than Ever

It doesn't always show in the official measurements, but the Geauga County Public Library is busier than ever. A very common way to measure how well a library is doing is by counting how many items it loans out over a period of time. And Geauga County still has the distinction of having the highest per capita borrowing rate in the State, but, as anyone who uses the library knows, this is only a small part of what the library provides to our residents.



loaned out over two million items during the year and, at the time of this writing, it is on schedule to do the same again this year. But that

does not take into account the fact that patron use of the library's many Internet stations increased by over 67% in the last five years. This use doesn't include the very significant number of people

who access information via the library's web page.

Another element that is not often considered is programming.

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Last year, for the first time, the library

Busier than Ever ... (continued from page 1)


Children's programming attendance increased over 7%, but it is adult programming that knocked our socks off. It went up a whopping 117% since 2001. One of the Library's goals is to provide a community center for people to come together to learn and discuss ideas. We have exceeded our own very lofty expectations.

But the bread and butter of library service is the reference question. How high is Mt. Hood? Is it safe to can tomatoes or should I freeze them? What government agencies can help me start my new business? When does my Township Board meet and where? These are the kinds of questions asked (and answered!) in order to write a school paper, to prepare an important presentation, to make good decisions or even just to fill in a cross word puzzle or to settle a bet. Reference questions answered by our staff members have increased by 40 % over that same five years.

Beyond that, however, many people are "self-serving" their own reference

questions by using the library's web page. It is set up to organize information with appropriate answers and web pages so that quick and authoritative answers can be found easily and quickly. Our web page receives over 200,000 hits per month!

There are also programs that were not in existence five years ago that have become increasingly popular. "It's News to Me," a program that alerts patrons to programs and library materials in their interest areas, has more than doubled the number of subscriptions since it was inaugurated. And "Autoholds," a service that automatically places patrons on hold for new books by their favorite authors, has nearly 1,000 subscribers!

And all of this has happened despite a freeze in state funding for our libraries by carefully watching costs and using the proceeds of the library renewal levy approved in 2002. Once again, the Geauga County Public Library remains the best deal in town! 

Keep this date open!

Third Annual Geauga County Kidsfest!

Will feature displays, games for kids, activities, refreshments, and free entertainment for the whole family! This event is co-sponsored by the Geauga County Public Library and several other Geauga agencies serving children.

Saturday, April 28, 2007
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
at Berkshire High School.



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Meet Raymond Rundelli

Raymond Rundelli has been named to fill the remainder of an unexpired term on the Geauga County Public Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Rundelli is a partner with Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP. He began his term in September and will serve until June of 2007.


Mr. Rundelli is a dedicated advocate for the First Amendment. That is particularly useful in his chosen legal specialty of intellectual property law and litigation and are also of particular use to a Library Board.

Mr. Rundelli lives in Auburn with his wife, Mary Reid, Corporate Counsel 

and Director of Human Resources for Donley's, Inc. His two daughters, Clair, 11 and Grace, 9 attend the Kenston schools and are avid users of the Bainbridge Library.



His goal is to maintain the excellent level of services that the library has historically delivered. He will be paying particular attention to the products of the digital age and how they will be impacting our libraries.

In the little free time he has with a career and an active family, he enjoys reading history and historical fiction. He is also a movie buff. 

Internet Classes

Bainbridge

Classes limited to 5.
Registration begins January 8.

"Introduction to Excel"

This one-hour class will introduce the user to the basic features of Excel.
Tuesday, May 8, 2:00 p.m.

"Hidden Gems"

Leads searcher to databases and other resources found on GCPL's web page.
Tuesday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.

"Internet Searching"

Learn different ways to effectively search the Internet.
Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m.

"E-Mail"

Learn how to communicate over the Internet.
Wednesday, May 9, 10:00 a.m.

"Internet Searching"

Learn different ways to effectively search the Internet.
Wednesday, May 9, 2:00 p.m.

Chardon

Classes limited to 5.
Registration begins January 2.
Call 285-7601 to register.

"Meet the Mouse"

For beginners with little or no computer experience.
Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

"Surf the Net"

Introduces searching options to those with good mouse skills.
Tuesday, January 23, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

"Smart Searching"

Demonstrates efficient Internet searching techniques for those familiar with the Internet.
Monday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Monday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

"Finding Internet Treasures"

Leads searchers into helpful resources and databases not tapped by Google and other search engines.
Wednesday, February 7, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., Monday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

"Homework Survival"

For parents who use the Internet and want to know how to efficiently help their children locate Internet materials for school assignments.
Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Geauga West

Classes limited to 6.
Call 729-4250 to register

"Introduction to the Internet"

A basic class for beginners.
Wednesday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 14, 10:00 a.m.

"Basic Internet Searching"

Learn to use Search Engines and Subject Directories.
Wednesday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 21, 10:00 a.m.

"Super Searcher"

Advanced searching techniques for the Internet.
Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14, 2:00 p.m.

"Basic PowerPoint"

Learn to do basic Microsoft PowerPoint presentations.
Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 p.m.

"Basic Excel"

Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel.
Wednesday, March 21, 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.



"Basic Microsoft Word"

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word.
Wednesday, January 17, 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24, 2:00 p.m.

"Welcome to eBay"

Learn how to search the eBay website and see demonstrations on bidding and selling.
Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.

Middlefield

Call 440-632-1961 to schedule an appointment.

"Internet Tutorials"

These one-on-one tutorials provide "hands-on" experience that is tailored to your needs.
Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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 confirm whether afternoon or evening children's programs will be held.

Homeschool

Bainbridge

Registration begins January 8.

"Express Yourself!"

Learn what expressionism is, who some expressionist artists were, and create a piece of expressionistic art!
Friday, February 23, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Session limited to 30, grades K & up.

Chardon K – 6

Registration begins January 4.
Sessions limited to 50.

"Snowflake Party!" With sparkling snowflakes everywhere, learn how snowflakes are formed and make sparkling ones of your own! Snowflakes, snacks and games included. Thursday, January 18, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"A Cultural Celebration!" Join us for a cultural celebration as we share our special nationality customs, costumes, language and foods! Thursday, February 15, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"50 Happy Years of Play-Doh!"

Celebrate Play-Doh's 51st anniversary by learning a little of its history, creating a sculpture out of it and playing games with it! Thursday, March 8, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"The Lorax Live" Do not miss this colorful earth-caring and interactive production of Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*, starring you! Thursday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Middlefield K – 8

Registration begins January 2.
Sessions limited to 40.

"Learn About Musical Instruments"

Roadhouse Music will present a program on different types of musical instruments and also information on careers in music. Wednesday, January 10, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Optical Illusions"

Try tricking yourself with crazy optical illusions that make you wonder "Is it really there or not?" Wednesday, February 14, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Recycling"

Investigate recycled products and learn about making recycled paper in an interactive program presented by the Geauga-Trumbull Waste Management staff. Wednesday, March 14, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Meet the Frog Family"

Discover the fascinating world of amphibians in this captivating spring-time program presented by the Geauga Parks staff. Wednesday, April 4, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. *Please note this is the first Wednesday of the month*

"Celebrating American Art"

Join staff from the Butler Institute of American Art in exploring different genres of art and learning about famous American artists. Wednesday, May 9, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Book Sales

Bainbridge

Sponsored by the Bainbridge Women's Club
Tuesday, May 15 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. *Preview for members of the Women's Club and Friends of the Bainbridge Library*

Tuesday, May 15 6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. *Open to the public*

Wednesday, May 16 9:00 a.m. – 8:45 p.m. *Open to the public*

Thursday, May 17 9:00 a.m. – 8:45 p.m. *Open to the public*

Friday, May 18 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. *Open to the public, Bag Day*

Saturday, May 19 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. *Open to the public, Bag Day*

Chardon

"Maple Festival Book Sale" Sponsored by the Chardon Friends of the Library

Thursday, April 12 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. *Members Only Preview**

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *General Sale*

Friday, April 13 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *General Sale*

Saturday, April 14 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *General Sale*

Sunday, April 15 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. *General Sale*

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

Gauga West

Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library

Thursday, March 1 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. *Members only preview*

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *Open to public*

Friday, March 2 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Open to public*

Saturday, March 3 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Bag Day*

Middlefield

When you're visiting the Middlefield Library, please stop in our Friends Room and take a look at our on-going booksale. You'll find many great bargains and a friendly atmosphere! Sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Middlefield Library.

Week days in the afternoons.

Newbury

Sponsored by the Friends of the Newbury Public Library Station

April 5 - 15. Books for sale published in 2005 and 2006. All genres included.

Great non-fiction selection as well.

Thompson

Saturday, March 24, and Sunday, March 25, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tax Assistance Schedule

AARP Tax Assistance. Bring your completed tax forms from last year and valid I.D. to your appointment.

Bainbridge

Mondays, Feb. 5 through April 9. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 440-543-5611, for an appointment.

Chardon

Wednesdays, Jan. 31 through April 11. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 440-285-7601 for an appointment.

Gauga West

Thursdays, Feb. 1, through April 12. 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Call 440-729-4250 to make an appointment.

Middlefield

Thursdays, March 1 through April 12, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call 440-632-1961 to make an appointment.

Newbury Youth Programs

Winter Storytime

Week of January 22 through the week of February 26

Spring Storytime

Week of April 16 through the week of May 14. No sign-up required. Please drop in. Sessions are Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Storytime is for children through Kindergarten. Please inquire regarding reading sessions for older children.

Bainbridge Youth Programs



Registration begins January 8.

Grades 3 – 5

Babytimes

Fridays: February 2, 9; March 2, 16; April 6, 13; May 4, 11 Sessions limited to 15 babies.

Ages 3 – 12 months

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Ages 12 – 24 months

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Storytimes

January 16 - February 22 (winter)

March 13 – April 26 (spring)

No sessions the week April 2 – 6.

Toddler Storytime

2 – 3 years with caregiver

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

3 – 5 years

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Bookbugs

Kindergarten

Wednesday, 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

School Age

All programs on Thursdays.

Grades K - 2

"Happy Birthday, A. A. Milne!"

Let's all celebrate the 125th birthday of Alan Alexander Milne, creator of Winnie-the-Pooh. January 25, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Dinosaur Stomp"

Let's journey back in time to the prehistoric swamp and all join in the Dinosaur Stomp! February 22, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Meet the Frog Family"

Hop on over to the library to find out about frogs of all kinds. A naturalist from the Geauga County Park District will present this program. March 22, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 40.

"Soap Bubble Magic"

Have a popping – good time as we explore the wonderful world of soap bubbles. April 12, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Come Take a Ride on the Underground Railroad"

Slave quilts were maps north to freedom. Learn the meaning of quilt square symbols. January 18, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 30.

"Man Your Torpedoes – Battleship!"

Let's play Battleship. Graph oceans and then sink your opponent's ships. February 1, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 40.

"Let's Get Crafty with Paper Beads"

Bring recycled paper. Turn it into paper beads that you can make into a necklace or a bracelet! March 8, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 30.

"Our Feathered Friends"

What do a duck and a kitchen spoon have in common? Or a cardinal and a pair of pliers? Discover the adaptations that give birds a "toolbox" all their own. Presented by a Geauga Park Naturalist. April 19, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 35.

Teen

Grades 5 and up

"BLITZ – Bainbridge Library Teen Zone"

We need you...come join the Blitz! Earn volunteer hours by helping out in the library and by giving us your opinions. Thursday, January 11, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. will be an organizational meeting. Sessions held as needed.

"Chess and Crackers"

Come in and enjoy our chess challenge. Thursday, February 8, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

"Crime Caper Mystery"

Come solve a "whodunit" and try out your investigative skills. Thursday, March 15, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

"Animé and Manga Festival"

We'll watch some animé and have a lesson on drawing manga. A local artist will help you develop your skills. Thursday, April 26, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

"Babysitting Clinic"

This clinic will cover the basics of child care, safety, and first aid. Participants will earn a certificate for completing both sessions. Thursday, May 3, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Session limited to 20.

Family

Please note age recommendation

"Hands-On Chemistry"

Show your child that you value learning. Come for an hour of fun, hands-on experiments led by chemistry teachers Louis Kuhns and Jesse Bernstein. Saturday, January 13, 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Session limited to 30, grades 1 & up.

"Freedom Quest" The Ohio Underground Railroad"

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, we will be showing the DVD "Freedom Quest: Ohio" by PBS. Discover the places, people, and conditions that defined the Underground Railroad movement in Ohio. Monday, January 15, 10:00 a.m. Grades 3 & up.

"Cunning Canines"

Learn about wild canines such as coyotes, foxes, and wolves through natural history artifacts, games and hands-on activities with a Geauga Park Naturalist. Saturday, January 20, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Session limited to 40, grades K & up.

"Every Child Ready to Read: Babies"

Parents of babies from birth – 24 months are invited to join the YS staff for an evening of ideas and activities they can do at home to develop early literacy skills with young children. Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"Twice Upon a Time"

Join the Bainbridge Library Puppeteers for our annual family puppet show featuring a favorite tale of Br'er Rabbit and a classic children's picture book. Thursday, March 1, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Ages 3 & up

"A Play: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"

There's nothing that happens in this beloved children's story that wouldn't make everyone want to put themselves in a box and ship it to Australia! Presented by the "Stories on Stage" Class from the Solon Center for the Arts. Grades K & up. Saturday, March 10, 2:00 p.m.

"The Wonderful World of Bubbles"

Participate in an interactive bubble show especially for fathers and sons. Presented by Sue Durante of Zap Entertainment. Saturday, April 14, 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Session limited to 35, grades K & up.



Chardon Youth Programs



Storytimes

Programs begin January 22 and end May 4. Registration begins January 3. No sessions the week of April 8.

Babytime

Birth to 24 months (with caregiver)
January 22 – May 4. Mondays 6:30 p.m.,
Wednesdays 10:00 a.m., Fridays 11:00 a.m.

Time for Twos

24 months – 36 months (with caregiver)
January 22 – May 4. Wednesdays 11:00
a.m., Thursdays 7:00 p.m., Fridays 10:00 a.m.

Just for Threes *New*

3 year olds (with caregiver)
For 3 year olds not ready for storytime
on their own. Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.,
Thursday, 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – Kindergarten
January 22 – May 3. Mondays 10:30
a.m., Tuesdays 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays,
7:00 p.m., Thursdays 9:30 a.m.

Family Storytimes

Registration begins January 3.

"PJ Family Storytime"

Bring the children dressed in pj's
(optional) for stories, songs, finger-
plays, projects, and fun.
Tuesdays, January 16, February 20,
March 20, 7:00 p.m.
Session limited to 25 families.

School Age

Registration begins January 4. Limited to 50

Grades K – 2

"Winter Magic!"

Step into a sparkling white wonderland
for magical winter tales and discoveries!
Thursday or Friday, January 25 or 26,
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Game Time At The Library!"

Listen to the wildest game story 'Jumanji'.
Then play games like Fish, Bingo and
Candy Land, munching on snacks all the
while! Thursday or Friday, February 22 or
23, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"50 Happy Years Of Play-Doh!"

Celebrate Play-Doh's 51st anniversary
by learning a little of its history, creating
a sculpture out of it and playing games
with it! Thursday or Friday, March 22 or
23, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"The Lorax Live!"

Do not miss this colorful earth-caring
and interactive production of Dr. Seuss'
The Lorax, presented by 3 – 5 graders!
Thursday or Friday, April 26 or 27,
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5

"Fun With Origami 2"

Learn the art of paper folding and
make beautiful paper creations.
Thursday, January 18, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00
p.m. Session limited to 40.

"All About Friends"

And to Think That We Thought That
We'd Never Be Friends by Mary Ann
Hoberman. Friend games, stories, and
crafts with old and new friends.
Thursday, February 15, 4:00 p.m. –
5:00 p.m. Session limited to 40.

"Pancake Party"

Pancake stories, pancake games and
your favorite pancake toppings, includ-
ing maple syrup. Friday, March 29, 4:00
p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 40.

"Lorax Theater"

Got the acting bug? Good! We need
your help telling the tale of *The Lorax*
by Dr. Seuss to the Kindergarten – 2nd
graders. Come join the fun! Thursday
or Friday, April 26 or 27, 4:00 p.m. –
5:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 25.

Teens 6th – 12th grade.

"Teen Volunteer Group"

We need your help with children's pro-
grams. Come eat and learn what you
can do to earn volunteer hours or just
help out. No registration necessary.
Mondays, January 8, February 12, March
12, April 16, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Babysitting Clinic"

Get prepared for babysitting opportuni-
ties with information on the basics of first
aid, safety and child care. Participants
must attend both sessions and will be
awarded a certificate at the end of the
clinic. Friday, January 12, 3:30 p.m. –
5:30 p.m., Saturday, January 13, 2:00
p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"Winter Scene Teen Photo Contest and Show Opening"

Interested in photography? Take a
winter scene photo and enter it in our
contest at the Chardon Library by Sunday,
February 4. All photos must be 5"x7" and
mounted to black mat board that is 9"x12".

Black and white or color photography
accepted. Bring family and friends to the
show opening for the awards presentation.
Saturday, February 10, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

"Anime Gathering"

Join other Manga/Anime fans to draw
and talk about characters and their
stories. Bring your ideas and sketch
books. Led by teens for teens! Friday,
March 2, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Session limited to 25.

"Dance, Dance, Revolution"

Dance the afternoon away. Laugh,
dance, eat, compete or not. Just come
and take a turn. Refreshments provid-
ed. Monday, March 12, 3:30 p.m. –
5:00 p.m. Session limited to 30.

Special Programs

Registration begins January 4.

"Magical Movie Time"

Come to the "Bostwick Big Screen" and
watch an amusing magical "nanny"
movie (and she ISN'T Mary Poppins!)
Refreshments. Grades K-5
Monday, February 19 (no school),
Showings: 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Library Week With:

"Guys Read Saturday!"

Grades K – 2 (guys only). Wear your
favorite hat and hear "a guy" Mr.
Lannon, a man who wears many hats,
read the funniest and best hat stories
ever! Which one will be your favorite?
Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Grades 3 – 5. Enjoy a morning with
"the guys" while discussing a good
book with Tim Lannon. He will have
anecdotes and activities for you to
share with other guys. Book title
announced at registration. Saturday,
April 21, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Grades 6 and up. (guys only). Read
the book *Into Thin Air: A Personal
Account of the Mount Everest Disaster*.
Then meet to discuss this book and
hear other mountain climbing stories
with Jack Bennett, local mountain
climber and author of *Not Won in a
Day: Climbing Canada's High Points*.
Saturday, April 21, 1:30 p.m.

"Mother-Daughter Tea with "Auntie Bea"

Enjoy a special dress up tea with favorite
"Aunt Beatrix Potter!" Wear your finest,
including hats and gloves (optional).
Girls in grades K-5 with their moms
Sunday, April 22, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Geauga West Youth Programs



Registration is required and begins on the 1st of each corresponding month unless otherwise indicated.

Storytimes

Winter Program registration begins on January 3. Programs run the week of January 15 through the week of February 19. Spring program registration begins on February 28, with the programs running the week of March 12 through the week of April 23.

Babytime

Birth to 2 years with caregiver.
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.;
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Storytime

2 – 3 years old with caregiver.
Mondays, 6:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

3 - 5 years old
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesdays,
9:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Special K

Kindergarteners, Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.

Trailblazers

Grades 1 – 3, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Children's Programs

Grades K - 3

"Mock Caldecott Election"

Who is your favorite picture book artist? Vote for the year's best illustrations, and see if our winner wins the Caldecott Medal! Enjoy refreshments as we make our selections.
Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

"Pancake Pig Out!"

It's almost pancake breakfast time in Geauga County. We'll get ready for the season with a pancake story, pancake games, and pancakes to eat!
Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

"Art In March!"

Celebrate Youth Art Month as we have fun with colors, shapes, and textures.
Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

"Go Fly A Kite"

Get ready for warm weather by making a kite! Numerous activities will surround this rite of spring.
Thursday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.

"For The Birds And Other Animals - Recycle"

The Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste District will present this program, which will include a story, a game, and a craft.
Thursday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.

Grades 4 – 5

"Guys Read!"

Guys do read! Join us monthly as we read guy stuff—comics, magazines, newspapers, game guides, and even books, and recommend titles to our friends. Snacks provided. Wednesdays, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 4, May 9, 4:30 p.m.

"Girls Read"

Young ladies are invited to this monthly book group where we'll share our favorites, and read some together to discuss. Refreshments provided. Wednesdays, January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, 4:30pm

Family Programs

"Backwards Party!"

We're having a Backwards Party at Geauga West! Put your shirt on backwards, your shoes on the wrong feet, and come ready for a great time. Who knows what will happen? Sunday, January 21, 2:00 p.m.

"Library Lovers Day"

February is Library Lovers Month. Join Dewey and the Decimals for a library skills game, and help make the Library Lovers "quilt." Sunday, February 11, 2:00p.m.

"No School Movie Day"

Come to the library for a family movie on the big screen. Bring your own pillows and blankets, and we'll supply the snacks! Call for titles and ratings information. Monday, February 19, 2:00 p.m.

"Happy Birthday, Cat In The Hat!"

Celebrate the 50th birthday of the famous Dr. Seuss character with a story, fun activities, and, of course, birthday cake! Sunday, March 11, 2:00 p.m.

"Don't Be A Couch Potato!"

Families are invited to get out of the house to celebrate Physical Fitness Month. Join in activities that will get you going! Dress for movement. Sunday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.

"Happy Mother's Day"

Bring Mom to celebrate her special day with food and fun! (Grandma can come, too!) Saturday, May 12, 2:00 p.m.

Teens Grades 6 – 12

"Grade 6 – 8 Book Discussion"

Join us monthly for a lively book discussion and snacks! Be sure to pick up your book in advance to read before the discussion.
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.,
January 17, *Nothing But the Truth*;
February 21, *Stargirl*; March 21,
I Know What You Did Last Summer;
April 18, *Face on the Milk Carton*;
May 16, *Speak*.

"Grade 9 – 12 Book Discussion"

Join us monthly for a lively book discussion and snacks! Be sure to pick up your book in advance to read before the discussion. Ask your English teacher about extra credit!
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
January 22, *In Cold Blood February*; 26, *Invisible Man*;
March 26, *Vanishing Acts*;
April 23, *Good Poems*;
May 29, *Historian*.

"TAB – Teen Advisory Board"

Spend an hour at the library each month offering suggestions for library programming and materials, working on special projects, or learning about what the library has for you! Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m., January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15.

"Library Trivia"

It's Library Lovers Month. How much do you know about your library? Answer our questions for a chance to win CHOCOLATE! Quizzes available throughout the week of February 12.

"March Madness"

No, it's not basketball—it's checkers! Join our tournament to see who is Checkers Champion of Chesterland!
Tuesday, March 6, 3:30 p.m.

"Flip-Flop Frenzy!"

Just in time for Spring Break! Bring a pair of plain flip-flops, and we'll decorate them for a one-of-a-kind look!
Thursday, April 5, 3:00 p.m.

"Babysitting Basics"

Attend this two-day program to receive instruction in basic baby and child care for beginning sitters.
Tuesdays,, May 1 & 8, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Middlefield Youth Programs



Storytimes

No registration required. Pick the session that works for you and drop in!

Babytime

Ages 6 – 24 months
Fridays, 10:00 a.m. No sessions June 1 – 8.

Time For Twos

Ages 2 – 3
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.
No sessions May 29, 30; June 5, 6

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
No sessions May 29, 30; June 5, 6

Family Storytime

All ages, Continuous
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
No sessions June 4, May 28.

Grades K – 3

Registration begins January 2.

"Penguin Prints"

Join us for penguin stories and games. Create a penguin family to take home with you! Thursday, January 18, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Pancakes! Pancakes!"

Celebrate National Pancake Day with stories, games and snacks all about pancakes! Tuesday, February 20, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Games Alive!"

Become the game pieces in some life size board games! Thursday, March 22, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly"

Celebrate National Humor Month with this silly story! Enjoy games, crafts, and snacks, too! Thursday, April 12, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"The Amazing Book of Me!"

Craft a paper bag scrapbook all about you to celebrate National Scrapbooking Day! Thursday, May 3, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"PAWS for Reading"

Like dogs? Like to read? Students in grades K – 5 sign up to read aloud to a therapy dog and practice your reading skills! Space is limited, so register early! Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24; April 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Grades 4 – 5

Registration begins January 2.

"Awesome Optical Illusions"

Let fantastic optical illusions trick your eyes into seeing things that are not really there! Thursday, January 25, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"So Sweet!"

Chocolate stories, chocolate snacks, chocolate fun – just in time for Valentine's Day! Thursday, February 8, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Native Artists"

Learn about their art and make some of your own! Thursday, March 8, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Flower Weaving"

Celebrate Earth Month by creating art from nature! Thursday, April 19, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Freaky Foods"

Learn about (and taste!) different foods from around the world and throughout history. Join us for stories, snacks and games! Thursday, May 10, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Teens Grades 6-12

Registration begins January 2

"New Journal for a New Year!"

Create your own journal and get some tips on how to get started writing the story of you. Thursday, January 4, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Around the World"

Come explore the world without leaving home. Sample foods and make crafts from cultures around the globe. No passport necessary. Tuesday, February 6, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Make it YourSpace"

Celebrate Teen Tech Week and explore ways to customize your MySpace page. Tuesday, March 6, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"We Have A Mission!"

Join us after hours for a space scavenger hunt! Be prepared to get a little goofy and possibly learn something along the way. Saturday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

"Magnetic Poetry"

Create a portable magnetic poetry kit

to express yourself wherever you go. Tuesday, April 17, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Ken po Karate"

Stop in to learn some new self-defense techniques. Come prepared to be up and moving around. Presented by Al Babinak of AA Universal Karate Studios. Saturday, May 12, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Teen Movie Madness"

Hang out and watch a movie with us...every Thursday at 3:00 p.m.! Stop in the library for show list! Thursdays, 3:00 p.m.

Family

"Winter Musical Interlude"

Warm up by the fireplace and enjoy piano music played by local musicians every Sunday in February. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies (Provided by The Friends of the Library). Sundays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Happy Chinese New Year!"

Celebrate the Year of the Pig with stories, games, and crafts! Saturday, February 17, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration begins January 2.

"Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!"

Join us for stories, snacks, and FUN as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and the 50th Anniversary of the Cat in the Hat! Friday, March 2, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Tree Time!"

Join us for stories about trees. Then help plant a special library tree! Friday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thompson Youth Programs



Storytime

Preschool – Grade 3
February 5 – March 28, Monday, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 10:30 p.m.

Grades 1 – 6

"Mad Scientists Club" Special science programs each month. Thursday, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, 4:30 p.m.

12 – 16 years

"Teen Book Discussion" Sharing books and snacks Tuesday, January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, 4:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

Bainbridge

Registration begins January 8.

Sunday Series

"Digital Camera 101"

Learn how to select and use a digital camera.

Sunday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.

"Music Light"

The Chagrin Light Orchestra, with only half the calories of a full orchestra, will present the "Shleptettes," "Blues Lounge Singer," and "Two Professors" for an hour of musical fun. The Chagrin Light Orchestra, a new local musical group of 42 members, performed at the Chagrin Falls "Oz Fest" last October. Sunday, February 25, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Lifelong Learning: Boomers Back to School"

Representatives from local colleges will showcase their enrichment opportunities for mature learners. Sunday, March 4, 2:00 p.m.

"Destination: Travel – Where to go and how to get there"

Explore national and international "Boomer Road Trip" opportunities. Presenters will be seasoned travelers including the owner of Bainbridge Travel and two representatives from Elderhostel. Sunday, March 11, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Dance Lessons with Dick Blake"

Have fun while improving your social dance skills! Dick Blake is an award-winning, celebrity dance instructor and choreographer. Sunday, March 18, 2:00 p.m. Limited to 15 couples or 30 people.

"Volunteer Expo"

Check out the vast array of area volunteer opportunities. Representatives from Geauga Department on Aging, United Way, Business Volunteers Unlimited, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the Geauga County Public Library will be available to answer questions about these organizations. Sunday, March 25, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Antiques Roadshow"

For \$5.00 per person, the Friends of the Bainbridge Library offer you the fun of bringing in up to three (3) hand-held treasures for an appraisal; call 440-543-5611 for an appointment. Trina Miller of Aaron's Antiques Liquidators and of Spaces Warehouse Style will have 3 or 4 other appraisers with her at the Bainbridge Library. Monday, January 8, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

* Registration for appointments for this program begins December 26.

"T'ai Chi: Meditation in Movement"

This free three-week program will introduce Dance of the Elements. Presented by Nancy L. Agnesberg. Thursdays, January 25, February 1, February 8, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Session limited to 15.

"How to Select and Care for Roses"

A member of the Cleveland Rose Society will offer advice and tips on how to successfully grow roses. Thursday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

"Beaded Earring Workshop"

Learn to make your own earrings. Participants will make two pairs, one of Swarovski crystals. The supply cost is \$20. Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Session limited to 16.

Chardon

Registration begins January 2. Sessions limited to 75 unless otherwise noted.

"A Tourist in Afghanistan"

Local attorney, world traveler and photographer, Paul Newman, had a chance to visit Afghanistan for 10 days during the summer of 2006. Share his slides and impressions of Afghanistan. Sponsored by the Chardon Friends. Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.

"Savvy Shopping with the Coupon Guy"

Joe Daugirdas, a.k.a. "The Coupon Guy," will share his secrets for saving money on everything imaginable—from soup to nuts to Hawaiian cruises. Sunday, February 11, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

"An Evening with Abraham Lincoln"

Pete Raymond, a member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters, will present a program on the former president's life, leadership during the Civil War and love for the United States. A very special President's Day program. Pete Raymond of Wooster has an uncanny resemblance to Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. His presentation will bring the former president to life for our audience. Sponsored by the Chardon Friends. Monday, February 19, 7:00 p.m.

"Creating Your Own Eden"

Back by popular demand a 4 week landscape gardening class with Dawn M. Cryberg. Bring your own lunch and beverage and learn how to develop your own sanctuary with less money, work and maintenance than you thought possible. Note – you must attend at least 3 Saturdays to take the special tour of Dawn's garden. Dawn M. Cryberg is a well known local lecturer on gardening and a landscape designer. Sponsored by the Chardon Friends. Saturdays, March 3, 10, 24 and 31. 9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. End of class garden tour April 14. Registration limited to 65.

"Welcome to eBay"

This program shows how to search the eBay website, set up your own account to practice bidding, and how to post an item to sell. Monday, March 5, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"An Amazon Journey"

Journey with Miles Reed to the heart of the Amazon jungle in a multi-media presentation of the 6 weeks he spent exploring the area alone and his memorable encounter with the Achua Juvarn tribe of head-hunters. Miles Reed is an independent producer of TV programs with natural history themes. He also writes about birds. His program "The Natural World Around Us" is in syndication for local television stations. Sponsored by the Chardon Friends. Monday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.

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Adult Programs

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"A Trip on the Miami and Erie Canal"

Doug Bahnsen presents a living history program as a Nineteenth Century canal boat captain. The canals transformed Ohio from a poverty-stricken state to the third most populated state in the country. "Captain" Bahnsen takes us on an interactive journey on the Miami & Erie Canal from Toledo to Cincinnati via slides, presentation, and song. For adults and children from grade 3 and up. Sunday, March 25, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Chardon Friends of the Library Annual Membership Tea"

The Chardon Friends Annual Membership Tea will feature local storyteller and performer, Robin Echols Cooper, sharing her one woman show "Another Branch of Life – Sharing Life Stories with One Another". Includes a special high tea. Robin Echols Cooper is a well known storyteller and a frequent featured actress with the Geauga Lyric Theater. Her program will focus on giving the gift of family stories to your children. Sponsored by the Chardon Friends. Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m. Registration limited to 50. (Due to limited space, guests are not permitted. You must be a member of the Friends to register for this program.)

"Songs of the Civil War Era"

David Peltier provides background narrative while Sarah Peltier introduces and accompanies the songs played on either side of the Mason-Dixon Line during the American Civil War, including "Lincoln and Liberty" and "Dixie." Audience participation is encouraged. For adults and children grade 5 and up. Monday, April 30, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"John Sudyk: The Soldier of 10,000 Rounds"

John Sudyk, Geauga County World War II veteran, will display mementos and recount his wartime experiences from Omaha Beach to Czechoslovakia in this timely pre-Memorial Day program. Mr. Sudyk's recollections comprise a chapter in the 2005 book, *Forever a Soldier: Unforgettable Stories of Wartime Service*. Thursday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Geauga West Library

"Look, Munch and Listen"

Bring your lunch and join us as we enjoy a different and entertaining program each week. Coffee will be provided. April 4, 11, 18, 25, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library.

"Introduction to Angels"

Join Kim Wasielewski, a certified angel therapy practitioner. The time will be filled with information on how to access and invoke your own personal angels into your daily life. Sunday, January 28, 2:00 p.m.

"Spring Holiday Card-Making"

Spend a Sunday afternoon making your own cards for Valentine's Day, Easter and Mother's Day. Registration required. Sunday, February 4, 1:30 p.m.

"Make a T-shirt Quilt"

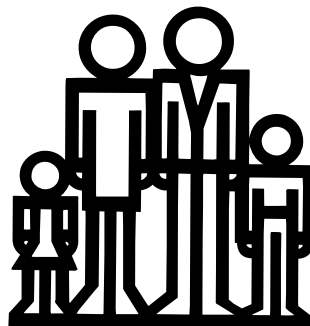
Complete (or nearly so) a quilt made of your old t-shirts (or those of someone you love). Register at the Geauga West Library (729-4250) and pick up details and a supply list. Saturday, February 17, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"Shipwrecks of Lake Erie"

Through slides, videos and stories, Georgann and Mike Wachter will explore infamous disasters, thrilling rescues, and heartbreaking tragedy on Lake Erie. Sunday, March 18, 2:00 p.m.

"Genealogy Lock-In"

Bring your family tree charts and pages of notes and use the library computers and databases for an extended ancestor hunting session. Space is limited. Registration required. Friday, April 20, 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.



Middlefield Library

Registration begins January 2.

"Travelogue: Afghanistan"

Paul Newman shares his first-hand experiences of Afghanistan and presents photographs recounting his journey. Paul Newman is an attorney, author, and photographer from Chardon, Ohio. He is also a member of the Geauga County Public Library Board of Trustees. Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"Resumes: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"

Learn how to improve your resume and make a positive impression on potential employers. Presented by Ann Marie Stultz, a career consultant with Geauga County Job and Family Services. Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"March Movies"

Before the summer blockbusters hit theaters, enjoy Friday night movies and fresh popcorn at the Middlefield Library. Friday, March 2, 16, 30, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. No registration required.

"Women Moving West: A Heritage of Strength and Faithfulness"

Author Karen J. Hasley discusses nineteenth century women homesteaders and recounts stories using the women's own words. Karen J. Hasley is the author of *Lily's Sister*, a recently published novel set in 1880s Kansas. Wednesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Antiques Roadshow" Geauga Style"

Here's the chance you've been waiting for! Bring in your heirlooms, collectibles or "finds". A local antiques appraiser will look them over and make comments. (2 items per person limit.) This is a free drop-in program. Ron Wright from Spring Street Antiques on Main in Burton, Ohio will present the program. Saturday, May 19, 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

Special Interest Programs

Genealogy Classes

For more information about each class, pick up a Genealogy Class brochure at your local library or send an e-mail to raccoon@oplin.org – subject line Chardon Spring Classes.

All classes will be taught by
Sandy Malitz, Staff Genealogist.

* **Genealogy 102** (vital records, cemetery & funeral home, and census), March 5, Monday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Geauga West – Call Geauga West (440) 729-4250 to register. Limit 5 at computers and 8 additional people not at computers.

* **Genealogy 101**,
March 15, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Chardon Library, Call Chardon Reference Dept. to register (440) 285-7601. Limit 5 at computers and 10 additional people not at computers.

* **Genealogy Mystery Tour**,
March 17, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Learn about a variety of sources. Apply your new knowledge and some creativity to solving a few genealogy mysteries. Clues will include family information, documents, photos, and artifacts. -- Call Chardon Reference Dept. to register (440) 285-7601. Bring a brown bag lunch.

What To Do With Old Photos,
April 16, Monday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Call Chardon Reference Dept. to register (440) 285-7601.

Court Records,
April 24, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Call Geauga West (440) 729-4250 to register.

Introduction to European Research,
May 17, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Call Chardon Reference Dept. to register (440) 285-7601.

Potpourri of Problem Solving Strategies,
May 21, Monday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Call Geauga West (440) 729-4250 to register.

* *Hands-on class.* Ability to comfortably and quickly search the internet. You can share a computer if you are not comfortable using one.

Writer's Workshops

Bainbridge
Our writers' group provides an opportunity to improve your writing skills and share your original works with others. Fridays, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 25, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Geauga West
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Middlefield
If you're interested in improving your writing skills, working toward publication, or having your writing critiqued, please sign up! Tuesdays, January 9, 23; February 6, 20; March 6, 20; April 3, 17; May 1, 15, 29, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking

Bring your photos and supplies and share ideas during an evening of scrapbook fun.

Bainbridge "Crop and Share"
Friday, April 20, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Session limited to 16.

Chardon "Crop 'til You Drop"
Friday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Session limited to 25.

Geauga West "Crop 'til you Drop"
Friday, May 4, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

"Evenings of Civil Discourse"

Second Wednesday of each month
January 10, Chardon
February 14, Geauga West
March 14, Bainbridge
April 11, Middlefield
May 9, Chardon

Knitting & Crocheting

Whether you knit or crochet, are experienced, or just a beginner, you are welcome to join any of these groups for sharing tips, learning new techniques and having fun.

Bainbridge "Knit 'n Crochet"
Mondays, January 8, 22; February 5, 19, March 5, 19, April 16, 30, 7:00 p.m.

Chardon "A Gathering of a Good Yarn"
1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Bring a project and share.

Geauga West "Sit and Knit – Stay and Crochet"
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Middlefield "Knitting-n-Crocheting Club"
2nd Saturday of month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Socrates Café"

Drawing on Socrates' belief that "the unexamined life is not worth living," participants pose questions, listen to others, raise challenges, and consider alternative answers.
Sunday, January 14, February 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.;
Monday, April 9, May 21, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
No registration required.

Book Discussions

Bainbridge
Mondays, 2:00 p.m.
* Note 3rd Monday

January 15*, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See
February 12, *Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
March 12, *Before You Know Kindness* by Chris Bohjalian
April 9, *These is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes* by Nancy Turner
May 21*, *Without Reservations* by Alice Steinbach

Chardon
Everyone is welcome to attend every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments are provided. Books are available at the check out desk one month before the meeting.

January 17, *The Thin Man* by Dashiell Hammett
February 21, *Sun after Dark* by Pico Iyer
March 21, *March: a novel* by Geraldine Brooks
April 18, *Storming Heaven* by Denise Giardina
May 16, *Amagansett* by Mark Mills

Geauga West
First Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

January 3, *March: a novel* by Geraldine Brooks
February 7, *A Very Long Engagement* by Sebastien Japrisot
March 7, *A Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger
April 4, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See
May 2, *Confederates in the Attic* by Tony Horwitz

Middlefield
Join us for evenings of lively, interesting discussion. New members always welcome! Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

January 11, *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson
February 8, *Deafening* by Frances Itani
March 8, *Honeymoon with my Brothers* by Franz Wisner
April 12, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
May 10, *The Thin Man* by Dashiell Hammett

Thompson Library Station

"Book Discussion and Dessert Club"
What goes together better than reading and eating? Doing it with a group of friends at the Library. Join us to sample favorite books and special foods. Sundays, 2:00 p.m.
January, 14, February 11, March 11


Volunteers are needed

For those who love to read, here's an opportunity to bring the joy of reading to others who may not be able to visit a library due to age, chronic illness or a long-term recovery.

The Geauga County Public Library's Homebound Book Delivery Program needs volunteers to deliver library materials to residents who need this service. Volunteers will be matched with homebound patrons in their own areas. They will need to visit approximately every three weeks with new materials and can set their own schedules. The program is also in need of a Volunteer Coordinator, a once-a-week volunteer commitment for someone who has great people skills and a knack

for office work. This position requires matching patrons with their volunteers and keeping track of program data.

The Homebound Book Delivery Program was established to meet a growing county need. The elderly are the fastest growing segment of Geauga County's population. To set up this program, the Geauga County Public Library System received an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant from the State Library of Ohio.

For information on a rewarding volunteer experience or receiving homebound book delivery, please call (440)632-1961 ext. 14, or 440-488-READ (7323) toll free. 

Book Club'n it?

If you belong to a book club that does not meet in a library, we will still be able to put your books on our "It's News to Me" e-mail list. This is how it will work. You send us the name of your group, a list of the books you will be discussing, and the dates. Your members will need to sign up for "It's News To Me" on the library web site, www.geaugalibrary.org. Then, each month, those who have signed up will receive an e-mail listing the next book you will discuss and a link to go directly to the library's catalog to place a hold on the title. The title may be available as a book and may even be listed as a CD, audiotope, large print or downloadable version.

The library will send out e-mails on the first day of each month, so we will need to have titles early enough to do this. It is best if we can work at least two months or more ahead so that you can see the title in time to read the book.

It is our goal to serve the public and make it as convenient as possible to read and discuss books. All you need to do is to keep us informed and enjoy the read.



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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

Bookmobile

16167 East High Street
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