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### Huge Loss of State Funding Taking Toll

The year 2010 will go down in Geauga County Library history as a turning point for library services to our residents. Most funding for the library comes from the State of Ohio in the form of the Public Library Fund (PLF). This year the library will receive 33% less PLF funding than it did 10 years ago, with most of the loss, 25%, realized since 2008.

Faced with a funding loss of this magnitude, the Geauga County Public Library Board has had to make some very difficult decisions about how to reduce expenditures. The Library Board has tried to make service cuts that will have the least impact possible on patrons. In addition to reducing expenditures for library materials by \$250,000, the Board has had to also cut library staff expenditures to compensate for the huge loss.

Even with salary cuts and decreased employee benefits, it was necessary to eliminate positions and reduce hours for many remaining employees. While closing the libraries on Sundays all year would have simplified staff schedules, the Board chose to meet patron needs by eliminating the least busy hours - 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday.



Isabella Atzemis told us at Geauga West, "You can NEVER have too many books!"

It was hoped that these cuts would be temporary in nature, but the news we are hearing about state funding is quite dismal. Further cuts are expected in 2011. Some legislators have proposed that all state funding for libraries be eliminated in the future, moving all the responsibility for public library funding from the state (where it has been for more than 75 years) to local taxpayers. The sad reality is that the coming cuts mean Geauga County Public Library cannot maintain its current (reduced) level of service past the end of 2010. The Library Board had hoped that the significant reduction in funding would be temporary, and that cuts made in 2010 would enable the library to get by until state funding could be restored. With restoration of funds less and less likely, the Board will need to further adjust the library's programs, hours, and staffing levels to live within its likely budget for the

long term. To get through 2010 almost all reserve funds were used, and the library has no savings available for the inevitable emergencies or unexpected expenditures.

Many of you have let our staff and me know how these changes have affected you. I have heard many comments and complaints about the reduction in hours, the loss of library programs, and the number of empty shelves resulting from reduced spending on library materials. Recognizing the impact of current and likely future service reductions, the Library Board is carefully planning the future of library service in Geauga County. It is possible that they may direct the County Commissioners to place a levy on the ballot in November if the funding outlook does not improve. Whatever their choice, services in 2011 will require careful planning and significant community input so that whatever the library system can afford to provide meets the needs of you, our library users. Your comments are welcome at any time. Contact me at my office 286-6811 x101, home 286-7424 or via email: oconnode@oplin.org. I am certain that before any decisions about eliminating branches, or further reducing hours, services, library books, or staff are made, we will hold public forums and request your recommendations.

With a wish for a better economic future for all of us, I urge you to continue reading, listening and viewing at the Geauga County Public Library.

Deborah F. O'Connor - Director 

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# Youth Services Classes

## Bainbridge

### **Registration is required for all programs.**

Walk-in registration is on Thursday, June 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Phone registration begins Monday, June 7.  
Call 440-543-5611.

### **Babytimes**

Fridays, July 2, 9, August 6, 13

**Ages 3 – 12 months (pre-walkers) with adult** 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Ages 12 – 24 months (walkers) with adult** 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon

### **Storytimes**

June 15 – July 21

### **Toddler Storytimes**

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

### **Preschool Storytimes** Ages 3+

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.,  
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

### **PJs and Puppets Storytime**

Children ages 4 to 7  
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

### **Explorers Club**

Children entering grades 1 - 3  
Mondays, June 14 – July 19, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Explore the world around us through stories and activities.

### **School Age**

Entering grades 1 – 5, Thursdays.

### **Life in the Pond**

Presented by Geauga Park District.  
June 24, 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

### **Ahoy Mateys!**

Be a pirate for the afternoon.  
July 1, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Splash Out Pollution**

Presented by the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.  
July 8, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Artists and their Gardens**

Kathy Catani of the Chagrin Valley Herb Society. Adults need to accompany first and second graders.  
July 15, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Family Programs**

Outdoors - weather permitting

### **Make a Splash with Banjo**

Banjo the Clown returns! Sponsored by the Friends of the Bainbridge Library.  
Thursday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

### **Zap! Splash into Books**

Zap Entertainment (Bob Durante) grand finale! Sponsored by the Friends of the Bainbridge Library.  
Thursday, July 29, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### **Teen**

Entering grades 6 and up.

### **!Read Read Read!**

Read to earn Book Bucks! Every week there will be a drawing for prizes. June 14 – August 13.


### **Book Talks and Bagels**

Bring a book to recommend, or just come to listen! Bagels and juice provided.  
Thursday, June 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

### **Haunted Tales of the Great Lakes**

DVD of “the unexplained and supernatural on the Great Lakes.” Thursday, July 22, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **August Drop-In Family Storytimes**

For families with children ages 2 – 5 years. Wednesdays, August 4, 11, 18, 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 

## Chardon

### **Storytimes**

June 14 - July 23  
Registration begins Tuesday, June 1. Call 440-285-7601.

**Babytime** Birth – 24 months (with caregiver) Mondays, 6:30 p.m.,  
Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

### **Time for Two's**

24 months – 36 months (with caregiver) Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m., Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

### **Babies AND/OR Two's**

For families with children under 3 years old. Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

### **Preschool Storytime**

### **Summer Fun!**

3 years – Kindergarten  
Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

### **Just for 3's**


Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

### **Special Program**

#### **Kindergarten, Here We Come!**

For children entering kindergarten in Fall, 2010. Monday, August 9, 6:30 p.m.  
OR Tuesday, August 10, 10:00 a.m.

### **School Age Entering grades 1- 5**

 Come in person to sign up to be a “Make a Splash” Reader starting Monday, June 14. Registration for the following programs begins Wednesday, June 2  
Call 440-285-7601 or drop in.

### **Beach Blast**

Summer Programming Kick-Off  
Wednesday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. OR  
2:00 p.m.

### **Life in a Pond**

Presented by Geauga Park District  
Wednesday, June 23, 10:30 a.m. only

### **Splash Out Pollution!**

Presented by Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management.  
Wednesday, June 30, 10:30 a.m.

### **Animals of Geauga Wetlands**

Presented by Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District  
Tuesday, July 6, 2:00 p.m. only

### **Water Rescue and Safety**

Presented by Auburn Fire Department  
Call library for date and time.


### **Summer Reading Program Finale**

#### **Zap's Pirate Adventure**

Sponsored by Chardon Friends of the Library. Wednesday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.

### **Teens**


Entering Grade 6 and up  
**Read and earn book bucks for prizes:  
June 14-Aug. 13**

 Registration for the following programs starts June 2.

### **Babysitting Clinic**

Students must attend both sessions.  
Thursday, June 24 and Friday, June 25,  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **Beach Glass Art**

Thursday, July 15, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 

## Geauga West

**R Storytimes**  
June 14 - July 23  
Registration begins Tuesday,  
June 1. Call 440-729-4250.

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

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

**Preschool**  
Ages 3 to entering Kindergarten  
Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays,  
10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

**Trailblazers It's Back!**  
Entering grades 1-3  
Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

**R Make A Splash  
Super Sign-up Day**  
Register for all summer reading programs.  
**Walk-in** begins on Thursday, June 3,  
4:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Phone-in** begins  
on Friday, June 4, call 440-729-4250

**"Make A Splash" @ the Library  
Summer Reading Club**  
Pre-school through entering 5th grade.  
Keep track of time spent reading.  
Win prizes! June 14 to August 13

**School Age Programs**  
Entering grades 1-5

**The Wonderful World of Bubbles**  
Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends  
of the Library. Thursday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.

**Cool Crafts**  
Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends  
of the Library. Thursday, June 24,  
11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., or 7:00 p.m.

**Zap's Pirate Adventure**  
Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends  
of the Library. Thursday, July 8, 2:00 p.m.

**Wild about Wetlands**  
Presented by the West Geauga High  
School Wetlands group. Thursday, July  
15, 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

**Beach Boardwalk Finale**  
Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends  
of the Library. Thursday, July 22,  
2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

## Family Programs

**A Night Out With Dad**  
(or Grandpa or favorite Uncle)  
Friday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.

**Scavenger Hunt**  
Drop in anytime! Thursday, July 1,  
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Teens**  
Entering grade 6 and above

**Make Waves**  
Pick up a reading log. Read. Earn  
book bucks and win prizes!  
June 14 to August 13

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
Sign up to help with the children's  
programs or prepare crafts.

**Flip Over Flip-Flops**  
Bring a pair of flip-flops; decorations  
provided. Tuesday, June 15, 2:00 p.m.

**Game Day**  
Includes Wii and DDR.  
Tuesday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.

**Middlefield**  
Storytime Splash!  
New summer schedule!

**Family Storytime**  
All ages. Stories before bedtime!  
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

**Babies and Toddlers**  
Ages 6 months-3 years with parent or  
caregiver. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**The Young and the Restless**  
Ages 2-5. For active children with  
caregivers. Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. OR  
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Preschool Storytime**  
Ages 3-6. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.  
OR 11:30 a.m.

## Families/All ages

**Zap's Pirate Adventure Summer  
Reading Kick-Off**  
Sponsored by the East Geauga Friends  
of the Library. Friday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

**The Three Little Fish & the Big Bad  
Shark** Presented by the Library  
Reader's Theatre Group.  
Friday, July 30, 11:00 a.m.

**Banjo the Clown Summer Reading  
Finale!** Sponsored by the East Geauga  
Friends of the Library.  
Friday, August 13, 7:00 p.m.

**R Grades K – 5**  
Registration begins Wednesday,  
June 2. Call 440-632-1961.

**Reader's Theatre Club**  
Meet each week leading up to your  
performance of "The Three Little Fish  
and the Big Bad Shark" on Friday, July 30  
at 11:00 a.m. Registration and atten-  
dance at all four sessions are required.  
Create costumes and practice the script.  
Speaking and non-speaking parts!  
Fridays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11:00 a.m.

**PAWS for Reading**  
Read to a therapy dog from Tall Pines  
Dog Training! Every Saturday in July,  
10:30 a.m. OR 11:00 a.m.

**Splash Out Pollution!**  
Presented by Geauga-Trumbull Waste  
Management District  
Thursday, June 24,  
11:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m.

**Critters of Wetlands and Streams**  
Presented by the Geauga Soil and  
Water Conservation District  
Thursday, July 15, 1:30 p.m.

**Life in the Pond**  
Presented by Geauga Park District.  
Thursday, July 29, 11:00 a.m. OR  
1:00 p.m.

## Teens entering grades 6-12

**You Sank my Battleship!**  
Thursday, July 8, 1:00 p.m.

**Message in a Bottle**  
Thursday, August 5, 1:00 p.m.

**Newbury**  
Week of June 12- week of July 19  
Pre-school storytimes:  
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.  
No session week of July 5th  
No registration is required.

**Thompson**  
June 16 – July 21  
Pre-school storytimes:  
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.  
No registration is required.

# Special Interest Programs

## Book Sales

### Bainbridge

#### Second Annual New Books & More Bargain Fair

Sponsored by the Friends of the Bainbridge Library

Thursday, July 29	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Open to the Public
Friday, July 30	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open to the Public
Saturday, July 31	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open to the Public

### Chardon

#### Arts Festival Book Sale

Sponsored by the Chardon Friends of the Library

Saturday, August 7	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Members Only Preview*
	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Open to the Public
Sunday, August 8	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	BAG DAY!

### Geauga West

Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library


Wednesday, August 4	4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Members only*
	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Open to the Public
Thursday, August 5	10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Open to the Public
Friday, August 6	10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Open to the Public
Saturday, August 7	10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	BAG DAY!

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


## Adult Services

### Adult Summer Reading

June 21 – July 30

Summer reading is not just for kids! Adults can join in the fun at Geauga County Public Libraries. Simply fill out an entry form for each book read and place it in the entry box. Each week lucky readers will be randomly selected to win prizes. All prizes donated by the Friends of the Library. Please see the libraries for entry forms and additional details. 

### Geauga County Genealogical Society

GCGS meets Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bostwick Room at the Chardon Library. Program is free and open to the public. 



## SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS (May 30 - Sept. 5)

Closed Sundays and Monday, July 5

### Bainbridge, Chardon, Geauga West

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

### Middlefield

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

### Newbury (Closed on Friday and Sunday)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	-----	3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursday	-----	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday	-----	12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### Thompson (Closed on Friday and Sunday)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	-----	3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday	-----	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday	-----	12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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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  
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