

GCPL one of the Top 10 Libraries in the nation

What Geaugans have known all along is now official! The Geauga County Public Library is in the top ten libraries of our size in the nation! This distinction is the result of a rating system known as Hennen's American Public Library Ratings (HAPLAR). The rankings are based on 2003 statistics of usage and service including circulation, materials, reference service, number of visitors, staffing levels, and funding. Geauga County has for years boasted of having the highest per capita borrowing rate in the State.

Mrs. Deborah O'Connor commented, "I believe there are two reasons

that the Geauga County Public Library is so successful. First, our great residents. Wherever I go in Geauga, I find people committed to reading and books. Second, our terrific staff who buy the right materials and offer great service. We are concerned, however, that the reduced funding we have been receiving from the State might

mean that we will fall in the ratings when 2005 data are used."

The County system would probably have attained this ranking years ago, except for the fact that it did not keep some of the statistics that went into the formula. Once the statistics were gathered, we were recognized.



5 day event coming July 2006

Presented by The Ohio Humanities Council with support from OSU's Humanities Institute

(see Directors Notes on page 11 for preview)



Geauga County Public Library

Lines & Links

12701 Ravenwood Drive • Chardon, Ohio 44024

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

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

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

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

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

Bookmobile
16167 East High Street
Middlefield, Ohio 44062
(440) 632-1961 x21

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Lines & Links

Reader's Advisory in effect at your local library!

Oh no! The weekend is coming and I am almost finished with this book. I need to find something good fast. Well, you better believe that the Library has some suggestions in that regard. In fact there are at least four ways for latching on to that next page-turner.

First, of course, is to ask a librarian. You can ask anyone who works in the library as we are all pretty

much avid readers, but there are several who are trained specifically in what we call "Reader's Advisory." These folks will ask you a few questions to determine your interests and taste and then will come up with a number of good suggestions.

If you are a computer sort of person, then these next methods may

appeal to you. First you can subscribe to "Dear Reader," a service which sends you the first several pages of a book in the genre(s) of your choice each work day for one week directly to your computer. You can choose as many genres as you are interested in.

If you like what you read, you can
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"I appreciate the opportunity to give back to the community ..."

Susan Becker has been selected as the newest Manager of the Middlefield Library. She has been with the library system for over 15 years and has served in just about every capacity, most recent of which was as Head of Youth Services and acting Manager at the Middlefield Library. She began her new duties on December 4.

Mrs. Becker lives with her husband, Jay, a Communicable Disease Specialist with the Ashtabula County Health Department and her three children, Lyndsay, 20, Tyler, 15 and Will, 9.

"I look forward to providing the community of Middlefield with a library that has excellent materials, programs, and customer service. I am very excited about serving the

current patrons and adding new ones" said Mrs. Becker. "I appreciate the opportunity to give back to the community that raised me."



Mrs. Deborah O'Connor, Director of the Geauga County Public Library commented, "Mrs. Becker brings a number of excellent qualities to the Middlefield Library Manager position. She has an extensive and varied background of library work, most notably as

the Head of Youth Services at Middlefield. A life-long area resident, she is uniquely qualified to continue the library's tradition of excellent service and community responsiveness."

Stop in and give Mrs. Becker your congratulations on her new promotion.


Reader's Advisory... (continued from page 1)

immediately have the book reserved for you and you will get a call when it is ready to be taken out.

A similar service is "It's News to Me." The library currently has 34 newsletters. Some are dedicated to genres as "Dear Reader" is and some are dedicated to library programming, booksales, audiotapes and CD clips and movie previews. Hundreds of our patrons are taking advantage of these weekly or monthly suggestions. They can also be reserved with a click or two.

Another very useful way to find a good read is by using the database, "Novelist." From the front page of the web site, go to Information Databases and scroll down to the chart that contains Novelist. Here you can choose Novelist's "Describe a Plot" search. It lets a reader enter his own words to find books that

relate to his interests. You can also select books similar to one you have already read or other books by the same author. Often books in a series can keep your interest over a period of time.

As you can see, there are many ways to find a good book. Try any one or all of the above to keep a supply on hand. One handy tip. When you reserve several books, tapes, CDs, or DVDs, you can keep them on your holds list, but suspend the action. This will keep you from receiving more books than you can read at one time, but won't let you forget the ones that you have chosen. 

Snow Closing

- Closings will be announced on TV and radio
- If in doubt, call ahead

Did you know?

- Geauga County Public Library, in a very competitive process, has been granted \$30,000 to provide library materials to the homebound in Geauga County. If you know of someone you think would be eligible or would like to deliver materials, call 440-632-1961.

- 239 books, CDs, audiotapes, movies and games about Harry Potter were borrowed a total of 4,029 times. 683 of those were just for the book, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.

- You can have new books written by most of your favorite authors automatically put on hold for you? Just sign up for

"Autoholds." Large print and audio books are in this program as well. Check the web site for a list of the authors and for a downloadable form. www.geauga.lib.oh.us > Library Web Services > Autoholds and Audioholds forms.

- If you forgot the title of a book that you heard about on the Today Show, now you can subscribe to "Books on the Air," one of the "It's News to Me" newest newsletters, and get a weekly listing of all the books that have been reviewed or featured on TV or radio. Also added are Best Selling Fiction, Best Selling Non-Fiction, and notices and

Keep this date open!

Second 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 29, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
at Berkshire High School.



resource lists for the Evenings of Civil Discourse. www.geauga.lib.oh.us > It's News to Me sign up.

- You should save the second Wednesday of each month to come to a different library and engage in an Evening of Civil Discourse. Each month a new and controversial topic is discussed – civilly. January's topic will be whether or not there should be a state-wide indoor smoking ban. The discussion will be at the Chardon Library and will begin at 7:30. February will be at Geauga West Library. The topic is TBA.

Latest Lines & Links

Computer Game Guides:

Computer games can be confusing for parents and complicated for kids. Sometimes you need a little help! These websites will help evaluate games and give some insight into the Gaming Revolution. The books listed are some of the strategy guides that are available at the library.

Latest Links:

Entertainment Software Rating Board
<http://www.esrb.org/>
 Provides consumer information about the content of computer games and recommended age group, how the ESRB rates products, what the categories mean, and shows the symbols that are used on software packaging.

All Game Guide
<http://www.allgame.com/>
 Game entries include release year, number of players, rating, developer/publisher, versions, violence and language warnings, and a summary of the game.

The Video Game Revolution
<http://www.pbs.org/kcts/videogamer/evolution/>
 Includes a timeline, personal game stories, information about game

development, classic game cheats, a guide to game ratings and quizzes on classic video games.

Latest Lines:

Prima Games is the world's leading publisher of official game guides for computer and console games. Here are a few:

The SIMS 2 University expansion pack PRIMA Official Game Guide by Greg Kramer.

Roller Coaster Tycoon 3: Now Ride the Rides PRIMA Official Game Guide by Ken Allen..

Star Wars Republic Commando PRIMA Official Game Guide by Michael Knight.

Brady Games - Each guide features in-depth content, detailed screen captures and quick reference and strategy tips. Try these:

Call of Duty: United Offensive Official Strategy Guide by Bart Farkas.

Warcraft III: Reign of Chaos Official Strategy Guide by Bart G Farkas. 

Knitting & Crocheting Groups

Whether you knit or crochet, are experienced, or just a beginner, you are welcome to join us for a casual hour and a half of fellowship and needlework. Share tips and learn new techniques. No registration required.

Bainbridge

"Knit & Crochet"

Mondays, 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
 January 9, 23, February 6, 20,
 March 6, 20, April 3, 17,
 May 1, 15

Chardon

"A Gathering of a Good Yarn"

1st and 3rd Saturdays from
 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. in the Storytime Room.

Geauga West

"Sit and Knit - Stay and Crochet"

2nd and 4th Thursdays from
 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Middlefield


"Knitting-n-Crocheting Club"

2nd Saturday of the month from
 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Your opinions are needed

Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. As you know, funding from the state to all public libraries is expected to be reduced over the next several years. The Geauga County Public Library will be following these developments closely. The Library will continue to use its revenue as efficiently as possible while maintaining the quality of library service to which this community has become accustomed.

One area where the Library can make some adjustment is in its publication of Lines & Links. The usefulness of this document is apparent when the phones start ringing to register for an adult program or a recommended title suddenly jumps in popularity. We hate to have to cut back, but we want to insure that we can continue to make the most desired information available to every household in the county.

Thank you so much for helping us to determine how to best serve your wants and needs. 

Newsletter Interest Survey

Please cut this out and return it to your local library or mail it to:
 Lines & Links • 12701 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, OH 44024

Keep in mind when filling this out that much of this information is available at our web site.

- | | YES | NO |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Is it important to you to know the beginning and ending times of the booksales? ----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you ever look up the books or web sites suggested in Latest Lines and Latest Links?----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is it important to you to have articles on new staff and Board members? ----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is it important to you to hear about new library services? --- | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. If you are a parent of a school age child, is it important to you to know the topics of each of the children's programs? If you are not a parent, leave blank.----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you have a computer and the skills to look up more detailed information about Lines & Links articles on-line? --- | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Comments:

Book Sales



Bainbridge

Sponsored by the Bainbridge Women's Club

Tuesday, May 16 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Preview for members of the Women's Club and Friends of the Bainbridge Library

Tuesday, May 16 6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Open to the public

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

Thursday, May 18 9:00 a.m. – 8:45 p.m. Open to the public

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

Saturday, May 20 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 20 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Members Only Preview*

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. General Sale

Friday, April 21 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. General Sale

Saturday, April 22 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. General Sale

Sunday, April 23 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. General Sale

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

Geauga West

Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library

Thursday, January 12 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Members only preview

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Open to public

Friday, January 13 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open to public

Saturday, January 14 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bag Day

Sunday, January 15 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Double Bag Day

Thursday, May 18 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Members only preview

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Open to public

Friday, May 19 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open to public

Saturday, May 20 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bag Day

Sunday, May 21 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Double Bag Day

Middlefield

On-going Booksale sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Middlefield Library.

When you're visiting the new 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! Week day afternoons.

Newbury

Friends of the Newbury Library Spring Book Sale

April 13 - 23. Open during library hours of operation.

Thompson

Saturday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Thompson library



Writer's Workshops



Bainbridge

Fridays, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

January 27, February 24, March 24, April 7 and 21, May 5 and 19

Geauga West

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

No sign-up needed - just come!

Middlefield

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Registration begins January 2

January 10 and 24, February 7 and 21, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18,

May 2 and 16 and 30



Book Discussions

Bainbridge Mondays, 2:00 p.m.

January 9, *The Kite Runner*

February 6, *Walking Across Egypt*

March 13, *Our Mother's War*

April 10, *Circle of Fire*

May 8, *The Story Teller's Daughter*

Chardon Third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Refreshments are served.

January 18, *Sense of Place: Great Travel*

Writers Talk about Their Craft...

February 15, *My Sister's Keeper*

March 15, *Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of two Americans...*

April 19, *The Kite Runner*

May 17, *Confederates in the Attic: ...*

Books are available at the check out counter one month before meeting.

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

January 4, *The Sari Shop*

February 1, *The Story Teller's Daughter*

March 1, *Running with Scissors*

April 5, *Daughter of Fortune*

May 3, *Nickel and Dime*

Middlefield Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Join us around the fire place at the New Middlefield Library for an evening of lively, interesting discussion. New members are always welcome!

January 12, *The Three Junes*

February 9, *The Daughter of Time*

March 9, *Hidden Power*

April 13, *Why I Wore Lipstick to my Mastectomy*

May 11, *Blackbird House*



Tax Assistance

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

Bainbridge

Mondays, Feb. 6 through April

10. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call

440-543-5611, for an appointment.

Chardon

Wednesdays, Feb. 15 through

April 12. 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Call 440-285-7601 for an appointment.

Geauga West

Thursdays, Feb. 2, through April 13.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 440-729-4250

to make an appointment.

Middlefield

Thursdays, March 2 through April

13, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call

440-632-1961 to make an appointment.

Bainbridge Youth Programs



Registration begins January 9, 2006

Babytime

Programs on Fridays, February 3, 10; March 3, 10; April 7, 14; May 5, 12. Limited to 15 per session. Ages 3 months - 12 months with caregiver. 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Ages 13 months - 24 months with caregiver. 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Storytimes

Programs begin January 17 and end February 23 (winter). March 14 - April 27 (spring). No sessions the week of April 10 - 14.

Toddler Storytime

2 - 3 years with caregiver. Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 - 5 years. Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Bookbugs Kindergarten

Wednesday, 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 18.

School Age Programs

All programs on Thursdays.

Kindergarten - Grade 2

"Where the Wild Things Are"

Join Max and the Wild Things as we celebrate this timeless classic by Maurice Sendak. We'll make masks, play games, and enjoy wild treats. January 19, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"Happy Birthday, Ben Franklin!"

Celebrate the 300th birthday of printer, inventor and statesman Benjamin Franklin. February 16, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"In the Days of the Pharaohs"

Return to the time of Ancient Egypt as we make headpieces, write in hieroglyphs, and search the pyramids for Pharaoh's treasure. March 16, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

"Wildlife Detective Training"

Learn to recognize wildlife from their

tracks, skeletons, and other signs. A naturalist from the Geauga Park District will present this program. April 27, 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Session limited to 30.

Grades 3 - 5

"Puzzle Party"

An hour of brain-teasing, mind-bending fun! There will be all sorts of puzzles and brainteasers to enjoy. If you have a favorite, bring it along to share. February 9, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"Reptile Rumors"

Fascinating facts will be presented about our local snakes and turtles, using either color slides or live specimens as available. A Geauga Park District Naturalist will present this program. March 9, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"Keep Laughin'! Celebrate National Humor Month"

Do you like to giggle, snicker, and laugh out loud? This is the afternoon for you. Through games, stories, and jokes we'll have a rip roarin' good time! April 6, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Young Adults

Grades 5 and up Thursdays

"Dance, Dance Revolution"

Dance the afternoon away. Laugh, dance, compete or not. Just come and take a turn. Refreshments provided. January 26, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

"Chess 'n Crackers"

Come play a casual game or two of chess with friends. Refreshments provided. February 23, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"Babysitting Clinic"

Two sessions focus on basic guidelines for babysitting excellence; includes Q & A time with Bainbridge Police Department and Bainbridge Fire Department. Must attend both sessions to earn certificate. Thursday, March 23, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Session limited to 25.

"Makeup Madness"

Learn make-up secrets that make you shine and promote beautiful skin. Stacy Putman is a makeup consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics. April 20, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 20.

Family programs

Registration begins January 9, 2006

"Mind Your Manners!"

Discover the difficult business of being a well-behaved child growing up on Millionaire's Row in Cleveland during 1900. The Western Reserve Historical Society will be the presenter. The Society is currently exhibiting "Millionaire's Row, The Legacy" which documents the wealth and power in Cleveland from 1880 - 1930. Saturday, January 21, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

"Every Child Ready to Read: Preschool"

Parents of four and five year olds are invited to join the YS Staff for an evening of ideas, and activities parents can do at home to develop early literacy skills with their children. Thursday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Mother-Daughter Valentine's Day Tea"

In keeping with the Victorian tradition we will make valentines, and enjoy tea and cookies. Bring a favorite tea cup for each person participating. Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. OR 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 40.

"Twice Upon a Time"

Join the Bainbridge Puppeteers for their annual puppet show, featuring fables and fairytales from several cultures. Thursday, March 2, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Amazing Chemistry - Fizzle, Pop, Explode!"

Spend an hour with your child (ren) performing hands-on chemistry activities. (Those without children are welcome too!) Our presenters are Lois Kuhns and Jesse Bernstein from the American Chemical Society. Sunday, March 12, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Session limited to 30.

"Heart Saver CPR Class"

This class is sponsored by The Bainbridge Township Fire Department. Children who are able to read well may earn a certificate. Direct questions to Assistant Chief Burge at (440)543-9873. FREE Bring a snack if you wish. Assistant Chief Burge and Heart Saver certified instructors will be teaching the class. Saturday, April 1, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Session limited to 35.



Chardon Youth Programs



Storytimes

Programs begin January 23 and end April 14. Registration begins January 3.

Babytime

Under 24 months with caregiver.
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Fridays, 11:00 a.m.

Time for Twos

24 – 36 months with caregiver.
Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m., Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

What's Still Cooking?

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

School Age

K -2 Grades

Registration begins January 5.

"Bet You Can't!"

Bet you can't balance a toothpick on your finger, blow over a tent, pull apart a partner's fingers, and much more. But come and try. Thursday, January 26, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 27, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Adventures in Candy Land!"

Enter the Game World of Candy Land and play a giant version of the game. Save Candy Land where there are treats for all! Thursday, February 23, Friday, February 24, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Happy Birthday to You!"

Dr. Seuss was born in March. Everyone will celebrate Dr. Seuss's and his or her birthday with customs from around the world! Come to the party! Thursday, March 23 OR Friday, March 24, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"In a Magical Garden"

Books are magical. Just open Chris Van Allsburg's *The Garden of Abdul Gasazi* and you will find yourself off on a real magical adventure. Enjoy some magic tricks too! Thursday, April 27 OR Friday, April 28, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

Grade 3 – 5

"Origami Fun"

Learn the art of paper folding and make a flower, airplane or "popper".
Thursday, January 19, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Ordinary Anyone Olympics"

How fast can you tie your shoes, how far can you walk with a book on your head? Compete in these (and more) ordinary and fun Olympics without traveling to Italy! Thursday, February 16, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Balloon Creations"

Join Chardon Middle School student, April Lynch, as she shares her expertise in balloon twisting to make fun balloon art. Thursday, March 16, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Behind the Scenes @ Chardon Library"

Celebrate National Library Week with a tour of our library. Also, get creative with a group of friends and make up a "Basket Chain Story." Thursday, April 6, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

Family Registration begins January 3.

"PJ Family Storytime"

Bring the children dressed in PJs (optional) for stories, songs, fingerplays, projects, and fun. Tuesdays, January 24, February 21, March 21. Sessions limited to 25 families.

"Hats Off to Libraries with Mr. Hatbox"

Celebrate National Library Week with Mr. Hatbox. Through stories, songs and poems and audience participation we join together for a rousing good time. Mr. Hatbox regularly appears at Borders in Strongsville and has been entertaining families for over 10 years in various venues. Saturday, April 8, 1:30 p.m. Session limited to 100.

"Grandpas & Grandmas & Grandkids, Oh My!"

Take your grandparents by the hand and follow the "Yellow Brick Road" (E. Park St.) to Library Land. Puppets, and stories and a craft – oh, yes! A special time just for grandparents and grandchildren. Sunday, April 30, 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 75.

Young Adults

Grades 6 and up

Registration begins January 5.

"Babysitting Clinic"

Back by popular demand, our babysitting clinics provide information on the basics of safety, first aid, and child care. Participants must attend both sessions and will be awarded a certificate at the end of the clinic. Friday, February 10, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. AND Saturday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"Pizza and Pictures"

Enjoy a pizza lunch and learn how to take great pictures. You'll get helpful photography tips about lighting, angles, and more! Please bring a camera! Saturday, March 18, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Teen Volunteer Group"

This is a great way to get involved with your community. Join the Teen Volunteer Group the second Monday of the month. Mondays, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. No registration required.

Homeschool K – 6

Registration begins January 5.

"Bet You Can't!"

Bet you can't balance a toothpick on your thumb, blow over a tent, pull apart a partner's fingers, and much more. But come and try! Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Weather Watching"

Make discoveries about the weather through experiments. Do we have any Dick Goddards in the audience? Thursday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Nature Detectives"

Get ready to look for signs of spring! A Geauga Parks naturalist will help you to identify new plants, returning migratory birds, and animal clues. Thursday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

"Marvelous Mothers"

Learn how marvelous animal mothers are, especially bird and mammal mothers. Enjoy fun activities including making a gift for your mother. Thursday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Newbury Youth Programs



Storytimes

First session: Week of February 6 thru week of February 27. **Second session:** Week of April 3 thru week of May 8.

No Storytime during Spring break weeks of April 10 and 17.

All ages up to grade 1 are welcome at the following sessions: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



Geauga West Youth Programs



Storytimes

Winter storytimes begin the week of January 16th and continue through the week of February 27th. Registration begins on January 4th. Spring storytimes begin the week of March 20th and continue through the week of May 1st. There are no storytimes during spring break, the week of April 17th. Registration for spring storytimes begins on March 1st.

Babytime: birth to 2 years with caregiver
Wednesdays at 9:30am and 10:30am
Thursdays at 9:30am and 10:30am

Toddler Storytime: ages 2-3 with caregiver
Mondays at 6:30pm
Tuesdays at 9:30am and 10:30am

Preschool Storytime: ages 3-5
Tuesdays at 7pm
Wednesdays at 9:30am and 2pm

Special K: kindergarteners
Tuesdays at 4pm

Trailblazers: grades 1-2
Wednesdays at 4pm

School Age Programs

Registration begins on the first day of the corresponding month, unless otherwise indicated.

Grades K - 3

"Winterfest 2006"

Get a head start on the 2006 Winter Olympics! Try your skills at our version of the winter games with a stop at the souvenir shop and the snack bar! Thursday, January 26 at 7pm

"Bird Buddies"

Learn about Ohio birds with stories and a craft, then make a birdfeeder to help our feathered friends through the winter. Thursday, February 16 at 7pm

"Making Masterpieces"

Celebrate Youth Art Month by making artwork in the style of the Great Masters! Thursday, March 16 at 7pm

"It's a Recipe for Fun!"

Come and cook up a good time playing food games, listening to food stories, and making good food, of course! Thursday, April 6 at 7pm
Registrations begins March 27

"Great Geauga West Gherkin Gala"

Kick off International Pickle Week with "pickle parables," "gherkin games," a "dill-icious craft," and tasting to find your favorite kind of pickle!
Thursday, May 18 at 7pm

Family Programs

Registration begins on the first day of the corresponding month, unless otherwise indicated.

"Chinese New Year at the Library"

Bring the entire family to celebrate the Chinese New Year with traditional games, stories, and crafts. We promise you a day filled with fun and plenty of fortune! Sunday, January 29 at 2pm

"Old Fashioned Valentine's Day Social"

Daughters, bring your dads and sons, bring your moms (or your favorite adult) for a formal afternoon of food, fun, and festivities. Sunday, February 12 at 2pm

"Celebrate Pigs!"

We'll have an oinkin' good time with stories, activities, and a snack--all related to pigs.
Sunday, March 19 at 2pm

"Grow Some Fun!"

Help us celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day with some fun nature crafts and activities. Sunday, April 23 at 2pm

"Annual Mother's Day Program"

Bring Mom, Grandma, or even your favorite aunt to our annual celebration of motherhood. Saturday, May 13 at 2pm

Young Adults Grades 6 – 12

Registration begins on the first day of the corresponding month, unless otherwise indicated.

Teen Book Discussions

Be sure to pick up and read your book in advance! Snacks will be provided. Check with your English teacher about extra credit!
Monday, January 30th at 7pm---
The Life of Pi by Yann Martel.
Monday, February 27th at 7pm---
Maybe a Miracle by Brian Strause
Monday, March 27th at 7pm---
Wicked by Gregory Maguire
Monday, April 24th at 7pm---
Neverwhere by Neil Gaiman
Monday, May 22nd at 7pm---
The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde

"Drop-in Database Training"

Stop at the library for hands-on demos and instruction on the library's numerous databases.
Monday, January 16 during the following hours 10am - 12pm, 1pm - 4pm

"Candy Making Workshop"

Come make some candy for yourself or your valentine! Space is limited.
Monday, February 13 at 3:30pm

"Book Bistro"

We'll supply the snacks and drinks, and you should come prepared to share your favorite books, movies, magazines, and music!
Monday, March 13 at 3:30pm

"Stamp Your Shorts!"

Bring a light-colored pair of boxers (or a t-shirt), washed without fabric softener, and we'll use paint and rubber stamps to decorate them!
Monday, April 10th at 3:30pm

"Babysitting Basics"

Get prepared for those summer job opportunities with this two-day class on childcare! Participants must attend both classes. Tuesday & Thursday, May 9th and 11th, from 3:30 – 6pm.

Thompson Youth Programs

Story Hour

Preschool – 4th Grade

March 6 – April 10. Mondays, 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Grades 5 – 8

Registrations begins December 20,

"Game Night"

Do you have a Clue? Are Sorry? Are Boggled by Monopoly? Come find out while you feast on free pizza and popcorn. Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

"Kids Book Club"

Share all your favorite books and talk about what you've read. Snacks provided. Mondays, January 30, February 27, March 27, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Middlefield Youth Programs



Storytimes

Registration begins January 2.

Babytime

Ages 6-24 months, accompanied by an adult. Babytime, a twenty minute program designed with your baby in mind. Fridays, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21. 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. Sessions limited to 10.

Tales For Two's

Ages 2-3 years accompanied by an adult. January 17 – February 22

"Opposites & Alikes"

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

"All About Me"

March 28 – May 3
Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5 years

"Opposites & Alikes"

January 16 – February 22
Mondays, 7:00 – 7:45 pm
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 am OR
11:30 – 12:15 pm
Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 am OR
11:30 – 12:15 pm

"All About Me"

March 27– May 3
Mondays, 7:00 – 7:45 pm
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 am OR
11:30 – 12:15 pm
Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 am OR
11:30 – 12:15 pm

Grades K-2

Registration required. Begins January 2

"Geauga Wildlife Past & Present"

Come and discover some wonderful facts about the animals that lived in Geauga County long ago and that are in our area even now. A naturalist from the Geauga County Park district will present this program.
Thursday January 19 4:00 – 5:00 pm

"Yummy Chocolates"

Come and find out some amazing facts about chocolate. Debbie Butler, who owns and operates White House Chocolates in Middlefield, will be here to share the secrets of sweet success.
Thursday February 16 4:00 – 5:00 pm

"Let's Go Fly A Kite"

Come and enjoy a variety of activities including stories, songs and a craft - all related to kites!
Thursday March 16 4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

"Wings of Wonder"

Come and learn some amazing facts about the beautiful birds that surround us and fill our lives with music. A naturalist from the Geauga County Park district will present.
Thursday April 13 4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Grades 3-5

Registration required. Begins January 2

"Board Game Bonanza"

Have some fun with your friends after school playing the game of your choice. We'll play everything from cards to checkers. Games and snacks provided. Thursday January 26 4:00 – 5:00 pm

"Mardi Gras Madness!"

Celebrate Mardi Gras in your own hometown. Enjoy a bubbly brew, learn the history of Mardi Gras, choose some beads to wear and create your own mask. Thursday, February 23 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"The Colors of Spring"

Learn about artists who created works reflecting springtime. Then, create a masterpiece of your own. Use water colors, construction paper, crayons and markers to create your very own spring artwork to take home.
Thursday March 23 4:00 – 5:00 pm

"Poetry Palooza"

April is National Poetry Month. Come and celebrate with us! Listen to some funny poems from famous authors and create your own poem using a poetry puzzle. Thursday April 27 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"PAWS For Reading"

Reading is fun when you're doing it with a furry friend!
Saturdays, February 4,11,18,25
Grades K-2, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Grades 3-5, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

"Mother's Day Drop-In Craft"

Drop in any time between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to make a great gift for Mom.
Grades K-5, Saturday May 13, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Young Adults

Grades 6-12

Registration begins January 2

YAAC – Young Adult Advisory Council

Join YAAC and help plan Young Adult Programs and assist with school age programs, too. Drop in after school and enjoy snacks, activities, and fun with friends. Thursdays January 12, February 9, March 9, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

National Library Week – Advice from an Author

A.E. Denny will speak about her novel of a young girl and her mother from the heart of Ohio – who, because of a ghost, travel to Skye Scotland to uncover a mystery. Get some advice from an author and inspire the writer inside you.
Thursday April 6, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Homeschoolers

Grades K-12

Registration begins September 2

"Lost in Space"

Come and find out some amazing facts about the stars and planets that fill the night sky with such beautiful light. A naturalist from the Geauga County Park district will be here to give some fascinating information about astronomy.
Tuesday January 10 1:00 – 2:00 pm

"Groundhog Shadow Day at Walmart"

We will meet at the Middlefield Walmart store to have a tour of the store and learn some things about different jobs people have and how the store operates.
Tuesday February 7 1:00 – 2:00 pm

"The Great Rubberband Boat Race"

Come and learn how various rubber band toys are made, watch a boat race and construct your very own rubberband boat from a kit. Mr. Ed Thompson, of the Rubberband Boat Company in West Farmington endeavors to promote the use of kid's hands and minds to construct simple toys for their education and enjoyment.
Tuesday March 14 1:00 - 2:00 pm

"Wings of Wonder"

Come and learn some amazing facts about the beautiful birds that surround us and fill our lives with music.
Tuesday April 11 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



Adult Programs



Bainbridge

"Our Amish Neighbors"

Featured at the Friends of the Bainbridge Library Annual Meeting Dr. Randall James, author of *Why Cows Learn Dutch*, will present an insider's view of life on an Amish farm. Dr. James is the Geauga County Extension Agent for Natural Resource and Agriculture of the Ohio State University Extension. He will sign copies of his book following his program. Thursday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. Registration begins March 20.

"Antique Roadshow"

Several area experts will be available to examine your collectibles, i.e. coins, silver, sports memorabilia and other small items. Aarons Antiques, Choices, and Shaker Coin are available that day. Sunday, February 26, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration begins February 12.

"Custer's Last Stand"

During this presentation on The Battle of Little Bighorn, many unknown facts about Custer's last stand will be revealed. Mr. Harold George has been a Civil War reenactor with the 9th Ohio since 1992. Thursday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration begins March 15.

"Basic Calligraphy"

Learn the basics of calligraphy. Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration begins April 13.

Adult & Teen

"Web Page Design"

Learn the basic tools and options to create your own Web site. Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration begins February 20.

Chardon

Call 285-7601 to register for all of these programs, beginning January 4. High School and Adult

"Resume Writing Workshop"

Come for free advice in writing resumes and also to learn about Geauga County resources for employment opportunities. Monday, Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m.

"After Hours Coffee House"

Enjoy the extreme polka sounds of the Chardon Polka Band under the direction of Jacob Kouwe. Seasonal refreshments and coffee provided by the Chardon Friends of the Library. This group of current and former Chardon High School students brings a fresh new approach to traditional polka music. Their latest C.D. will be available to purchase. Saturday, February 25, 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. No registration necessary.

"Ethical Wills: Leaving a Legacy"

Dianne Hartt will present an interactive program focusing on ethical wills as a way to preserve and pass on values, ideas, memories, and personal reflections to loved ones and future generations. Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

"Creating Your Own Eden"

A 5 part landscape gardening course for the home owner planning a major landscaping project with avid local gardener, Dawn Cryberg. Those attending a previous session may attend the April 8 session, which is a tour of 3 local gardens, including Ms. Cryberg's. Dawn Cryberg has written on gardening subjects and is the coordinator of the Chardon Library Garden Club. Bring a lunch. Saturdays, March 4, 11, 25, April 1, 8. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 60.

"Crop 'til You Drop"

Bring your photos and other scrapbooking materials and we'll use the library after hours to "crop 'til we drop." Friday, March 10, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.

"Beyond the Guidebooks to Rome"

Join classicist and tour leader Bill Prueter as he explores Italy and explains monuments and churches of Rome that are neglected by traditional tour guides and goes in-depth on the more familiar sites. Monday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

"Chardon Friends of the Library Annual Membership Tea"

A high tea in honor of our members. This year's program will feature local actress, Mary Faktor, in her one woman performance of the "The 7 Ages of Woman". Hilarious and touching. Rated PG-13. You must be a member of the Chardon Friends of the Library. Join or renew your member-

ship when you make a reservation. No room for guests. Sunday, April 2, 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Andrew Carnegie Visits the Library"

George Dauler returns to Chardon Library for National Library Week, this time portraying Andrew Carnegie, a successful industrialist and philanthropist who established over 2,500 public libraries worldwide. Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.

"Welcome to E-Bay"

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. Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

"Shipwrecks of Lake Erie - Fire, Storms, Collision"

Through slides, videos and stories, Georgann and Mike Wachter will explore infamous disasters, thrilling rescues, and heartbreaking tragedy on Lake Erie, which may have the largest concentration of shipwrecks per square mile in the world. Thursday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

Geauga West

"Medicare Prescription Drug Plans"

Kathy Petrella, Assistant Director, Geauga Co. Dept. on Aging will present a program regarding the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan options. Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

"Basic Microsoft PowerPoint"

Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

"Geauga West's Antique Road show"

Discover if you have a treasure hiding in your home. Limit 2 items per person. Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Call the library to register for your own time with the appraiser.

"Basic Microsoft Excel"

Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.

"Ohio's Public Gardens and Arboretums"

A slide program accompanied by an entertaining and informative commentary by Ian Adams, renowned environmental photographer. Monday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Programs

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"Basic Microsoft Word"

Friday, March 24, 10:00 a.m.

Look, Munch and Listen

Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library. Bring your lunch and join us. Coffee will be provided. April 5,12,19,26 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Crop 'til you drop

Bring your photos and other scrapbooking materials and we'll use the library after hours to "crop 'til we drop." Friday, May 5, 6:00 p.m.-midnight. Call 729-4250 to register.

Middlefield Library

Registration begins January 2

"Scrapbooking Crop!"

Join us for a crop-n-idea exchange. Bring along your scrapping supplies and pictures. We'll help you with suggestions and ideas. Some supplies will be available to new croppers! Snacks will be provided! Saturday, January 28, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Session limited to 20.

"The Amish: Their European Origins and Their Life in the 21st. Century"

Middlefield is home to the world's fourth largest Amish community. Learn more about their historical background, customs and special German dialect at this special slide presentation. Presenters Dieter and Nancy Huth. Wednesday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Adult/Family

"Who Says You Can't Change the World"

Author Barbara Davis will discuss her new book about Andy – diagnosed at birth with Down syndrome, how he attended "regular" class and went on to graduate from Mentor High School. Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"Manage Your Money"

Join us for a program covering basic family, money management. Where does your money go? Stop spending leaks. Keep an eye on what you have – make it stretch! Lots of handouts. Terri Worthington is a Family and Consumer Educator at Ohio State University Extension. Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"Habitat for Humanity"

Learn how you can become involved with this great organization and what Habitat for Humanity is all about. Staff from Habitat for Humanity will be presenting. Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"Seniors: Computer Basics"

We'll learn how to navigate using a mouse, basic terminology and how to open and save your work in files. Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Session limited to 6.

Thompson Library Station

"Friends of the Library Appreciation Tea"

The library would like to thank its Friends with a special afternoon of tea and dessert. Sunday, April 2, 2:00 p.m.

Internet Classes

Introductory and Intermediate level classes will be offered at each library. Call your local library for dates and times. Unique classes are listed among the Adult Programs.

Genealogy Programs

All classes are presented by Sandy Malitz, Staff Genealogist, unless otherwise noted. Contact Sandy Malitz for additional information (440) 285-7601 or raccoon@oplin.org.

** Hands-on classes requiring ability to comfortably search the internet.

Family History Basics**

Chardon Library, Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. LIMIT 12 people sharing computers + 8 not at computers. Call (440) 285-7601 to register.

Heritage Quest Database**

Chardon Library, Thursday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. LIMIT 15 people sharing computers + 10 not at computers. Call (440) 285-7601 to register.

Birth, Death, Marriage Records

Geauga West Library, Monday, February 13, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Call (440) 729-4250 to register.

Getting Organized. Files, Pictures, Genealogy Programs, etc.**

Chardon Library, Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. LIMIT 12 people sharing computers + 10 not at computers. Call (440) 285-7601 to register.

Found It On the Internet. Now What ?

Geauga West Library, Monday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Call (440) 729-4250 to register.

Family History Library – Largest Genealogy Library in the World**

Chardon Library, Thursday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. LIMIT 12 people sharing computers + 10 not at computers. Call (440) 285-7601 to register.

Getting Most From RootsWeb, Cyndi's List, and USGenWeb**

Geauga West Library, Wednesday, April 3 & Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Both days. EACH DAY - LIMIT 12 people sharing computers + 5 not at computers. Call (440) 729-4250 to register.

Immigration Research.

Chardon Library, Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Call (440) 285-7601 to register.

Female Ancestors.

Middlefield Library, Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Call (440) 632-1961 to register.

Family History Basics**

Bainbridge Library, Monday, April 24, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. LIMIT 12 people sharing computers + 10 not at computers. Call (440) 543-5611 to register.

Census Research**

Bainbridge Library, Thursday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. LIMIT 24 people sharing computers + 10 not at computers. Call (440) 543-5611 to register.

Military Records

Geauga West Library, Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.. Call (440) 729-4250 to register.



Director's Notes

Chautauqua! Say that fast 3 times... We are very thrilled to have been selected as one of only five communities in Ohio to host the Ohio Chautauqua in 2006. This very competitive process evaluates the resources available in communities to bring people together to learn and discuss areas of mutual interest. The Chautauqua was awarded to the Geauga County Public Library for July, 2006 and is the library's most significant contribution to Geauga County's Bicentennial Celebration. Ohio Chautauqua is a five-day event that combines living history, music and entertainment, education, theater, and audience interaction in an exciting cultural event the entire community can enjoy.

From July 12 through 16, at the Geauga West Library, there will be a large red and white tent with a stage featuring a different character from history each day. The theme in 2006

is War and Peace and our featured characters will be Francisco Pizarro, Chief Cornstalk, Clara Barton, Teddy Roosevelt and Ernie Pyle. Scholars will portray the individuals and answer questions from the audience about their lives. Following that presentation, they will break character and answer questions based on their research. Sometimes the answers will be very different!

The Ohio Chautauqua in Geauga is sponsored and presented by the Ohio Humanities Council, with local support from the Geauga County Public Library Foundation and the Geauga County Public Library. The Library is seeking additional corporate and organizational support for this premier Bicentennial event. If you or your organization would like to sup-

port Chautauqua activities, please contact me at 286-6811 x 101 or ooconnode@oplin.org



Surrounding the Chautauqua we will host programming throughout Geauga County for children and adults. In addition, each evening program will begin with local musical entertainment.

I urge you to consider Chautauqua in your vacation plans and stay home in Geauga that week – you'll be glad you did.

Now, try saying Geauga Chautauqua three times fast!

Keep reading, listening and viewing!



Meet Joshua Hutchinson

In second grade Joshua Hutchinson picked up a copy of "The Wizard of Oz" and immediately became hooked. He has been a reader and a fan of science fiction ever since. Mr. Hutchinson is a self described "geek" which he defines as being "intellectual to begin with, passionate and opinionated." And he is passionate about libraries - enough so that he has agreed to become the newest member of the Library Board of Trustees. And, being employed in the computer world, he has some pretty strong opinions about the role of technology in the library.



His day job is to provide technical support for factory automation equipment at Rockwell Automation. By night, he is a proof reader for Project Gutenberg, an online provider of 17,000 books that can be downloaded to your computer at home. He has been volunteering with them for about four years and says that "it gives me a sense of satisfaction, a sense that I have done something worthwhile." He has recently stepped up to writing programs for them.

Despite his technological bent, Mr. Hutchinson's degree was in English education from Ohio University. He enjoyed the student teaching, the students and the subject, but working with computers had captured him. He is one of those rare individuals who can think in both the concrete and the abstract and has the skills to convey the needs of one to the other. When he is not at the computer gaming or programming, he is coaching his five year old son's soccer team which he likens to trying to herd monkeys. His wife, Cady, is the Health Inspector for the City of

Conneaut. They also have a daughter, Lorelei, 20 months. They like the Middlefield area as it is a good place for families, it is growing, there are lots of kids in the neighborhood, it is "people friendly" and the library is a gem.

Mr. Hutchinson is anxious for all of the libraries to become "hot spots." He sees the value in adding Instant Messaging as a mechanism for communicating with

young people. He is very interested in providing materials in electronic formats. He wants to see the library continue in the direction that it is moving, building beautiful facilities and continuing to grow in usage.



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