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From the Director, Jessica Keyser

Library of the Future

Like many cities and school districts, the GPPL's fiscal year is from July-June. At the writing of this message, we entered the 2020 fiscal year, which promises to be outstanding. After months of soliciting feedback from community members, staff, and key stakeholders, we adopted a plan to maintain and improve all three library buildings.

This year, several of our plans will come to fruition. At Central, we will create an outdoor living space in the courtyard on Kercheval with improved seating, landscaping and lighting. An accessible ramp will be added to the front entryway. At Ewald, the interior of the building will get fresh paint, carpet and finishes, and the space will be reconfigured for greater efficiency and safety. At the Woods branch, improvements will be made to the lighting in the main lobby, and the audio-visual room will be reimagined as a café-style area and a space for the Friends of the Library used books to be available for sale.

See the entire plan at grossepointelibrary.org. If you'd like to support the library improvements please plan to attend the second annual Masquerade for the Stacks event on October 5.

A Universe of Stories: Summer Reading Participation

Summer reading was out of this world! We blasted through our previous attendance records, with over 2,000 participants. Last year we had a total of 1,663 participants, which was a 58% increase over 2017. We are delighted at the community response, and our staff is hard at work planning the summer reading program for 2020. To infinity, and beyond.

Emerging Technologies Librarian

This summer, we welcomed Michelle Roberts to the GPPL team as our first Emerging Technologies Librarian. Michelle is based at the Woods branch, and her focus is to educate the community and our staff on new technologies. Michelle stood out among a field of highly qualified candidates due to her impressive depth and breadth of knowledge and experience with technology in libraries, and her positive attitude and enthusiasm for public service. Watch for more technology-related programs and services in the months to come, and please join us in welcoming Michelle.

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Adult Programs



Drop In Reference

Wednesday mornings starting September 4, 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Have a "latte" questions? Start looking for Outreach librarians Kathleen and Annie at your favorite local cafes. To begin, we're dropping in at **Cornwall Bakery** on Kercheval. Ask us a question about the Library or about how we can help with your current project.

Yoga for Veterans

Friday, September 20, 11:00 a.m., Ewald Branch

The third Friday of September is National POW/MIA Day, a day to recognize military members who were prisoners of war or remain missing in action. Katherine Page of the Macomb County Vet Center will lead an all-levels yoga program and share information about local services for veterans. All are welcome. Registration required.

4th Monday Book Discussion Group

Meets on the 4th Monday of the month, 1:30 p.m., Woods Branch



The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai

September 23



Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

October 28



Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney

November 25

Program is free, but seating is limited. Registration required.

Detroit Hives

Wednesday, September 25, 7 p.m. Ewald Branch



Join us for an evening with Timothy Paule and Nicole Lindsey, creators of the nonprofit organization Detroit Hives. Working to convert vacant lots on Detroit's east side into buzz-

ing bee farms, the pair are bringing life back to the community, spreading bee awareness and helping make Detroit a great place to "BEE." The 6-minute film Detroit Hives, produced by Spruce Tone Films, will be shown. Program is free, but seating is limited. Registration required.

Stranger Things Escape Room

Saturday, October 26, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Woods Branch

It's 1983 in Hawkins, Indiana. Your friend has been stolen to the Upside Down World. Only your team can find him/her and escape. Sign-up for our Stranger Things themed Escape Room. Registration required. To register, please call Matt at the Woods branch, 313-343-2072.

Tank Destroyers in WW2

Thursday, September 26, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Woods Branch



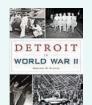
Colonel Fred Schwarz (Ret.) returns to follow-up his very successful presentation on the history of the Sherman Tank, to discuss

the merits and deficiencies of the US Tank Destroyers and their doctrines used in the Second World War. Registration required.

Detroit in WW2

Thursday, October 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Woods Branch

University of Detroit Mercy professor, Dr Gregory Sumner, returns to talk about his book, *Detroit in World War II* and the role and events that Detroit played during the Second World War. With a panoramic narrative, Dr. Sumner chronicles the wartime sacrifices, contributions and everyday life of the Motor City. Registration required.





Adult Programs

A Night in The Stacks: The Life of W. Hawkins Ferry

Saturday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m., Central Branch

Architecture historians Benjamin Gravel and Ben Wixson will introduce us to the extraordinary life of W. Hawkins Ferry, architect, historian, author and devoted patron of art and architecture throughout Detroit and the Pointes. This event will occur at our Central Branch, which was funded by the Ferry family and is filled with incredible artwork W. Hawkins Ferry donated to inspire Marcel Breuer's designs for the building.

The evening begins with a reception at 7 p.m. The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by a question and answer period.

Registration required, beginning October 28. Ages 21 and over please.

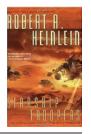


W. Hawkins Ferry (Photo credit: Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University.)

Science Fiction Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, October 9, 7 p.m., Central Branch

Join our newest book club – Science Fiction. The October book is the classic, *Starship Troopers* by Robert A. Heinlein. Registration required.



Shakespeare Authorship - Will the Real William Shakespeare Please Stand-up

Thursday, October 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Ewald Branch

Richard Joyrich, Shakespeare Oxford Fellowship, will speak about the Shakespeare authorship question and the theory of Edward de Vere as the true author. Registration required.

10 Military Things You Didn't Know Were Made In Michigan

Thursday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Most people have heard
Detroit was the Arsenal of
Democracy in WWII. This
effort was not limited to
WWII. Michigan companies
have been integral in war
production from WWI to the
present. Join Chris Causley
and Wendy Richardson
from the Michigan Military
Technical & Historical
Society as they discuss
the 10 Things you might
not know were made in
Michigan. Registration required.



Operation Market Garden

Thursday, November 21, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Last year's very popular speaker, former paratrooper and historian, Steven Mrozek, returns to speak on Operation Market Garden, the gamble in Holland that was "a bridge too far." Registration required.



Meet the Authors& Special Programs





Authors To The Pointe

Saturday, October 19, 12:00 p.m. The War Memorial Crystal Ballroom

Our autumn author luncheon returns to the War Memorial with two remarkable authors: Metro-Detroit's own Stephen Mack Jones, author of the acclaimed "August Snow" books and Min Jin Lee, author of *Pachinko*. A compelling, beautiful novel, *Pachinko* was on 75 of 2017's "Best of" lists, including The New York Times Five Best Fiction books. It was also a 2017 National Book Award finalist.



Stephen Mack Jones



Min Jin Lee

Tickets are \$30 per person and go on sale Friday, September 13 on the Library web site and at the Central Branch, 10 Kercheval at Fisher Road.

Fall Music Series



RJ Spangler Trio in Concert Thursday, September 26, 3:00 p.m., Ewald Branch

Grosse Pointe's own RJ Spangler brings his stellar Trio to the library for an afternoon concert, thanks to a grant from The Jazz Foundation of America. Space is limited. Please register beginning Monday, September 9.



Jazz in The D Thursday, November 7, 7:00 p.m., Ewald Branch

Musician Pam Jaslove will regale us with a brief history of the rise of Detroit's legendary jazz clubs, along with a live performance of the jazz standards that were played in them. Space is limited. Please register beginning Monday, October 21.



PanaMO Music EnsembleWednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.,
Central Branch Main Reading Room

Master percussionist, Obed Succari combines Panamanian and Motown influences to warm-up a cold night with Latin jazz. Space is limited. Please register beginning Monday, November 18.

Meet the Authors & Special Programs

NaNoWriMo: National Novel Writing Month at GPPL

30 days. 50,000 words. Join other local writers at the library, throughout November, to work toward your personal goal. We'll have the following inspiring programs as well as scheduled "write-ins" at each branch.

Quick Guide to NaNoWriMo and Discussion

Tuesday, October 29, 7 p.m. at Ewald

Join us for a quick guide to NaNoWriMo followed by a panel discussion of local writers from **InsideOut Literary Arts**. InsideOut Literary Arts is Detroit's oldest and largest literary nonprofit, serving more than 58,000 students through its Writer-in-Residence program in Metro Detroit schools.

"Ready Set Novel"

Friday, November 1, 2 - 5:30 p.m. at Ewald

Meet other participants and chat about your writing projects.

"Write Ins"

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18 & 25, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Woods Branch

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20 & 27, 5 - 8:30 p.m., Central Branch

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2 – 5:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

Join a "Write In" at your local branch: A quiet space, encouraging peers and coffee.

Wrap Party

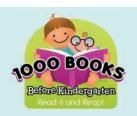
Monday, December 2, 6 - 8 p.m., at Ewald

We did it! Now let's celebrate.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This FREE program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten. It's easy to participate – visit your local branch to get started. Prizes awarded for every 100 books read. As children reach their milestones, their names are displayed on our walls of fame. For more information about this exciting nationwide initiative, visit http://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org



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Programs for Families and Children



CENTRAL BRANCH

Book Groups for Middle Schoolers

5th & 6th Grade: Fourth Tuesday of the month from September through April, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade: Second Tuesday of the month from September through April, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We meet once a month to talk about books, have snacks, play games and get to know each other. Space is limited. Registration required.

Guts - Book Party

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.

Have fun with games, trivia, art and raffle prizes to celebrate the release of Raina Telgemeier's book, *Guts*. Registration required.



Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady Wednesday September 25, 6:30 p.m.

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Join us for some lively music and movement with The Music Lady. There will be plenty of sing-along fun for parents and children. Registration begins Monday, September 9.



Dinosaur Craft

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.

Make some fun dinosaur-themed crafts. Registration begins Monday, October 7.

Spin, Pop, Boom! With Mad Science of Detroit

Saturday, November 2, 2:00 p.m.

Be amazed when the Mad Scientist defies gravity. Didgeridoo tubes, foaming hands and steaming chemical reactions



will introduce you to a world of exciting chemistry. Registration begins Monday, October 14.

Operation Gratitude – Letter Writing

Tuesday, November 5, Noon - 7 p.m.

Write a letter to our heroes. Operation Gratitude sends 250,000+ Care Packages each year to Deployed Troops, Veterans, New Recruits & First Responders. Of all the items included in these Care Packages, the most cherished are the personal letters of appreciation. Please stop by Central Branch and share your appreciation for our Heroes. We will have materials and guidelines to get you started.



The Storytellers Present Musical Folktales

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

The Storytellers are Grosse Pointe's own Robert and Audrey Allison. They'll delight you with an upbeat concert of stories, music and hands-on fun with musical instruments from many countries and cultures. Registration begins Monday, October 28.

Star Wars Party

Saturday, December 7, 1 p.m.

The force is strong with you. Come dressed as your favorite character and play games, have fun and prove your Jedi knowledge with quizzes and crafts. Most appropriate for ages 5 and up. Registration begins November 16.

Gingerbread House Craft

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Create a yummy and festive holiday treat. Registration begins Monday, December 2.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Visit with Santa

Thursday, December 19, Two sessions: 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Santa Claus will share the classic story and listen to the wishes of the children. Registration begins Monday, December 2.





Programs for Families and Children

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EWALD BRANCH

Reader Dog Drop-In

Every other Saturday, beginning Sept. 14 through December 21, 2 - 3 p.m.

Drop in and read with one of our friendly, trained reader dogs for some great reading practice and puppy love. No registration required.

Hour of Code - Harry Potter, Learn to Code & Make Magic

Thursday, September 19, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Learn to code and make magic on screen with creative challenges. Make feathers fly and fire flow, compose music, and more. For grades 2-8. Registration required.



Ticket to Ride with Bricks 4 Kidz

Saturday, October 12, 1 p.m.

Experience the world of Legos in this fun engineering class with Bricks 4 Kidz. We will build different motorized rides, learn how to make things spin, roll, turn and rock. Registration begins September 16.



Kaboomistry presented by the Michigan Science Center

Tuesday, November 5, 2:00 p.m.

Why do things explode? Learn about the relationship between pressure, temperature and fuel to explain why things go KA-BOOM. We'll mix physics and chemistry to get some loud, flashy effects. Recommended for K-5th grade. Registration begins October 14.



Wimpy Kid Party

Saturday, November 9, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Come and celebrate the release of Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball. We'll play games, do a craft, wreck some stuff and have lots of fun. No registration required.

Family-Opoly

Tuesday, November 19, 6 p.m.

Make your own personalized board game to give as a gift or play at your next family gathering. We'll provide the supplies and instructions. You bring the funny family stories. Registration required.



Marble Maze

Friday, December 27, 2 - 4 p.m.

Come and have an a-maze-ing time designing and building some one-of-a-kind marble runs.
No registration reguired.



Mother Daughter Book Club Daving in a Manday October 1/

Beginning Monday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.

Mother Daughter Book Group is open to girls in 4th and 5th grade and their adult female mentors. We will discuss books, play games, have snacks, make new friends, and have lots of fun. Our group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, October through April. Space is limited. Registration begins Monday, September 30.



Lego Club

1st Wednesday of the month (beginning September 4), 4:00 p.m.

Lego Club is a great time to share your ideas and creativity with friends. We provide the Legos, you bring the ideas. No registration required.

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Programs for Families and Children



WOODS BRANCH

Reader Dog Saturday Drop-in

Every other Saturday beginning September 7, 1 - 2 p.m.

Reader Dog Mondays

Beginning Monday, September 16, 5:30 and 6 p.m.

A great way to build your reading skills. Registration required.

Family Friday Nights

Fridays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Registration required.

Joel's Spooktacular Comedy Show

Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.

A hilarious Halloween show. No registration required.

Wildlife Safari Presents: Animals from around the World

Tuesday, November 5, 11 a.m.

Join Nelson the Animal Guy and meet live animals from around the world. Registration required beginning October 5.

Santa and Mrs. Claus

Monday, December 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a special visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Be sure to bring your camera to take pictures with the Jolly Duo. Registration begins November 9.

Drop-in Holiday Craft

Wednesday, December 18, All day

Drop-in any time during open hours and make a festive craft to take home. No registration required.

ALL BRANCHES & OTHER EVENTS

Fall Story Times

Begins the week of September 16 – November 7 at all 3 GPPL branches.

Registration opens on Tuesday, September 3. See online events calendar for details and to register.

Signing Storytime with Momcat Kelly

Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m. September 7, Central; October 12, Ewald; November 9, Woods and December 28, Central

Learn American Sign Language (ASL) as you play, sing and sign along. No registration required.

Drop-in Story Times

Saturday, September 21, October 19, November 16 & December 14, 10:30 a.m., Central Branch

Read, Rhyme & Play - Tuesdays - 10:30 a.m., Ewald Branch

Wednesdays, September 18 through November 6 - 10:30 a.m., Woods Branch

Grosse Pointe North High School vs. Grosse Pointe South High School Tailgate party

Friday, October 18 – 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Front lawn of GP South High School on Fisher Rd.

Grosse Pointe Santa Parade

Friday, November 29 – 10 a.m., Kercheval from the Hill to the Village

Come to the Santa Parade and say hi to the Library staff as we walk along in the parade.

Post Santa Claus Parade Fun

Friday, November 29, Central Library 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Woods Branch 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Visit Central Library for some holiday fun for face painting and door prizes (while supplies last) after the Santa Claus Parade. Then over to Woods Branch to meet your favorite winter trio from *Frozen*.



Middle School and Teen Programs

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Tween After Hours

Friday, September 20, October 18 and November 15, 6:30 p.m., Central Branch

Ages 11-13, hang out in the library after hours with your friends and enjoy scavenger hunts, puzzle solving, snacks and games. Registration required. October registration begins Sept. 27 and November registration begins Oct. 25

Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament - Round 2

Saturday, September 21, 1 – 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Go up against the best-of-the-best in this Smash tournament. Enjoy playing with new people while enjoying some food and drinks. The winner will receive a grand prize. Registration required.



Makerspace Battle

Saturday, October 19, 1 – 3 p.m., Woods Branch

Make racecars and catapults. See whose car can go the furthest and which catapult is the most accurate. Registration required.

Cram School - Finals Week December 16 - 19

Monday - Thursday, 9 p.m. - 12 a.m., Woods Branch

Last minute studying before finals? Have no fear your library is here. Come enjoy the quiet space and ace your exams.

3-D Printed Derby

Saturday, December 14, 1 – 3 p.m., Woods Branch

Design your very own derby car printed at the library. Customize it for race day to go against fellow competitors in the first 3-D derby at the GPPL. Prizes for fastest racer and best design will be awarded.

Tween Art Lab

Monday, December 30, 2 p.m., Central Branch

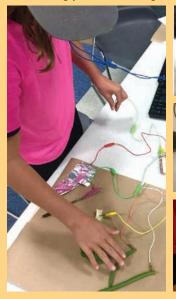
Ages 11-13, relax on your break and bring out your inner artist using different materials to make your own work of creative genius. Registration begins December 9.



Tween Tech Tinkering

Thursday, October 10, 6 p.m., Central Branch

Ages 11-13 explore technology, solve problems, try something new and master something you know. Registration begins September 19.









Movies and Digital Services



Tuesday Night @ the Movies:

Woods Branch



Amazing Grace

September 17, 7 p.m.

A documentary featuring singer Aretha Franklin recording her 1972 live album of songs at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles in 1972. Directed by Sydney Pollack and Alan Elliott. Registration required. @Neon Rated: G

October 15 and November 19

Watch for the movies and times to be announced in the Library's online calendar.

Family Classic Movie Night

Fwald Branch



101 Dalmatians

Monday, September 23, 6:00 p.m.

No registration required. ©Walt Disney Productions



Coco

Monday, October 28, 6:00 p.m.

No registration required. ©Disney/Pixar



Lego Movie

Monday, November 25, 6:00 p.m.

No registration required. ©Warner Animation

Digital Services

The Library has a variety of databases for business and investments as well as a wealth of resources for your back-to-school needs.



Morningstar

Investment research for companies, mutual funds, Exchange Traded Funds and markets.



Reference USA

Wealth of information about US and Canadian



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Brainfuse

Online and on demand tutoring. Homework help, test prep and skills-building services.



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Search professional journals, magazines, reference books and more by keyword or topic.



Value Line

Reliable, unbiased information with accurate and insightful research on companies, industries, marketing and economies.



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A suite of resources designed to captivate users of all ages.

Visit the Library's web site to access all of our databases free at grossepointelibrary.org/research-learning. All you need is your Library card.



Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

This fall marks the five-year anniversary of the Foundation's Breuer Preservation Fund, which successfully raised money to restore and maintain the Central Branch art and architecture. It celebrated the vision of famed architect Marcel Breuer who believed the library to be not "a mere repository of books but a social, cultural and civic crystallization point."

The library is a beacon for communities - a critical part of the social infrastructure that binds communities together and allows public intellect to grow. The Library is our community living room and we aim to extend that feeling to include the outdoor space at Central. With accessibility as the bedrock in bringing ALL together - the natural first step is an ADA compliant ramp on the Kercheval entrance of the Central Branch.

Join the Friends and Foundation at the second annual Masquerade for the Stacks and be an essential part of the plan to transform the community's front porch and the gateway to the Hill.



Still Time to Sponsor

Join Masquerade Sponsors - Beaumont,
Friends of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods
Communities, Famous Maintenance, Flagstar
Bank, Beline Obeid Realty, Fisher Pointe Dental, Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors and Grosse
Pointe News- and be instrumental in connecting our community. Call 313-640-4683 or visit
ffgppl.org for more information.

Friends Down Under Bookstore

Tuesdays 6 - 8 p.m., Wednesdays, 6 - 8 p.m. Thursdays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Stay tuned for ongoing pop-up sales. If you are interested in donating books, please see our guidelines at ffgppl.org.

Used Book Sales

Woods Branch lower level

Friends Members Preview, November 7, 7 – 8 p.m. and November 8, 10 – 11 a.m.

General Public, November 8, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. **\$5 Bag Day General Public,** November 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Halloween Costume Sale

Saturday, October 5 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Woods Branch

Be sure to stop by for the Friends annual Halloween Costume Sale.

Thank you!

Thank you to Jason Krick – former Foundation Board Treasurer – for his five plus years of dedicated service to our Library. He consistently gave of his talents, intellect and good humor. We wish him all the very best.

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DONATE. Visit <u>www.ffgppl.org</u> to make a gift today and help inspire, inform and engage.



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10 Kercheval Ave. at Fisher Rd Grosse Pointe Farms

313.343.2074



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15175 E. Jefferson Ave. between Lakepointe and Maryland Grosse Pointe Park

313.821.8830



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20680 Mack Ave. at Vernier Grosse Pointe Woods

313.343.2072

HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.
(During school

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