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From the Director, Jessica Keyser

The Library's Role in Creating a More Just and Equitable Society

In August, the Grosse Pointe Public Library joined 182 libraries across North America and signed on to the Urban Libraries Council Statement on Race and Social Equity. In part, it states that we are committed to eliminating racial and social equity barriers to programs, services, policies and practices; creating and maintaining an environment of diversity, inclusion and respect; serving as facilitators of conversations to address community challenges; and being forthright on tough issues. We have taken many steps over the last few years to eliminate barriers to the Library, including eliminating overdue fines, joining the statewide MI Library Card program, and adjusting our computer policies and signage to be more welcoming. As we make improvements to our buildings, we do so with the intention of removing any physical barriers to access. As we plan our programs, we aim to include diverse voices and topics that foster civil discourse.

Strategic Plan Update

The library adopted a five-year strategic plan in 2017 after several months of community and staff feedback. That plan has continued to serve as our roadmap. In this time of heightened awareness of racial and social injustice, the pandemic and economic challenges, we want to be sure the Library remains a relevant and impactful member of our community. The Library Board decided to do a formal review of the plan this year to look at how these factors may influence library services and facilities in the future. The feedback and information-gathering for updating the strategic plan is well underway. The results of the review will be shared in November.

The Library Re-imagined Phase 1

I hope you've had a chance to visit our new and improved outdoor plaza at the Central branch, which was completed in early September. In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, we've added comfortable tables and chairs, outlets for charging devices,

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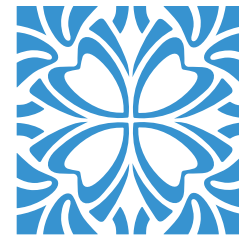
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Nonfiction Book Discussion



***The Woman's Hour:
the Great Fight to Win the Vote***
by Elaine Weiss

Thursday, October 15, 7-8 p.m., virtual



***Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a
Silicon Valley Startup***
by John Carreyrou

Thursday, November 19, 7-8 p.m., virtual



The Story of More
by Hope Jahren

Thursday, December 17, 7-8 p.m., virtual

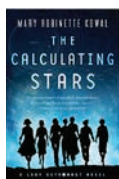
Registration required.

Science Fiction Book Discussion



Without Warning
by John Birmingham

Wednesday, October 14, 7-8 p.m., virtual



The Calculating Stars
by Mary Robinette Kowal

Wednesday, December 9, 7-8 p.m., virtual

Note: All Library programs are virtual through the end of 2020. Once you register for an event you will receive an email with the online registration information.

The Kirtland's Warbler: From the Brink of Extinction to a New Model for Endangered Species Conservation

Wednesday, October 14, 7 p.m., virtual

In 1987 there were fewer than 400 Kirtland's Warblers in the entire population. Today, there are more than 4,000, and the population has reached a point where the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service considers it "recovered." Conservation of the Kirtland's Warbler has special challenges that will require continued human intervention to ensure its survival. William Rapai, author of *The Kirtland's Warbler: The story of a bird's fight for survival and the people who saved it*, will take us into the northern Michigan forests to explain the hows and whys behind this conservation success story. Registration required.

Virtual Dance Dance Party Party

October 10 & November 16, 8 p.m., virtual

We're taking our dance party virtual. DDPP is a nationwide women's only freestyle dance movement. The goal is to give women space to cut loose and dance and what better place to do it than your own home! Come dance with us!

Michigan's Most Haunted Places

Saturday, October 24, 3 p.m., virtual

The SCARIEST places in the state. Phantom creatures. Graveyard apparitions. Wandering ghosts in the North Woods and a haunted B&B in Detroit. Presenter Chad Lewis takes the Zoom audience on a ghostly journey to some of the spookiest places in Michigan.

Facebook Virtual Book Discussion

Monday, October 26, 8-9 p.m., virtual

Join our Grosse Pointe Public Library Virtual Book Discussion group. We will discuss "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving. The e-book and audiobook is available immediately on hoopla or Libby. To join the Facebook discussion group visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GPPLbookdiscussion>. Registration required.

All events are virtual. For more information and to register
visit www.grossepointelibrary.org/events



Adult Programs

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4th Monday Book Discussion



Last Stories

by William Trevor

Monday, October 26, 1:30 p.m., virtual



American Spy

by Lauren Wilkinson

Monday, November 23, 1:30 p.m., virtual

"The Political Lincoln"

Honest Abe on Campaigns & Elections

Monday, October 19, 7 p.m., virtual

Mr. Lincoln describes his many interesting campaign and election experiences over a long and eventful career, during a time of political intrigue and tumult when the very destiny of our nation was at stake.

Lincoln and Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 18, 7 p.m., virtual

Mr. Lincoln shares the story of how our national, annual observance of the Thanksgiving holiday came to be established during his Presidency. It is a reminder that despite whatever difficulties we might be experiencing, we can still find reasons to be thankful.

"American Creed" Documentary and Discussion

Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m., virtual

Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. Secretary of State, and David M. Kennedy, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, come together from different points of view to investigate the idea of a unifying American creed. Their spirited inquiry frames the stories of people striving to bridge deepening divides in different communities around the country. Documentary available for streaming. Please register for zoom link and join us for discussion.

Authors To The Pointe

In the interest of patron and staff safety, Authors to The Pointe 2020 is postponed until 2021. Event details and ticket information will be available next summer.

Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe

Wednesday, November 11, 7 p.m., virtual

Join us for an evening with writer and graphic designer Katie Doelle. Originally from England, she moved to Grosse Pointe in 2012 and became fascinated by the architecture. Her book, *Grand Estates of Grosse Pointe*, published this spring, is Katie's first book. Registration required.



Weekly Fall Book Challenge

Join our Fall Book Challenge. Post a book-ish photo on social media with the hashtag #GPReadingChallenge based on the weekly themes below. You'll be entered into a prize drawing at the end of the each month.

October: Spooky Stacks

- 1-7 Scariest book you ever read
- 11-17 A book with a villain
- 18-24 Your favorite scary movie
- 25-31 A candy colored book

November: The Foodie Files

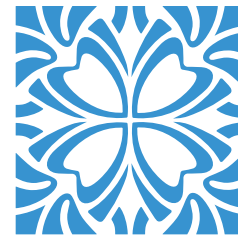
- 1-7 Your most used cookbook or recipe
- 8-14 A book with a chef
- 15-21 Book that always makes you hungry
- 22-28 Your current book & a slice of pie (or your favorite dessert)!

December: Comforts & Joy

- 1-5 You reading in your favorite sweater
- 6-12 A book you loved as a kid
- 15-21 Favorite holiday movie
- 22-28 A book about returning home

All events are virtual. For more information and to register visit www.grossepointelibrary.org/events

Programs for Families and Children



Youth Story Time

Are you missing story time with Miss Jane, Miss Melissa and Miss Rachel? Join us for a new online story time every week this fall. See online calendar for details.

Family Yoga

Saturday, October 10th at 11 a.m., virtual

Grab a mat and get ready to move and stretch with yoga teacher Kathleen Wolney as she guides us through different poses while following along with *Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You See?* Kids and parents are welcome! Registration required.



Mother Daughter Book Club

Beginning Monday, October 5, 7:00 p.m., virtual

Mother Daughter Book Group is open to girls in 4th and 5th grade and their adult female mentors. We will discuss books, play games, make new friends, and have lots of fun. Our group meets on the 1st Monday of the month, October through April. Space is limited. Registration required.

Book Groups

For kids who love to read and discuss books, play games, and make new friends. Registration required.

5th & 6th Grade

4th Tuesday of the month from October through April, 7 – 8 p.m., virtual

7th & 8th Grade

2nd Tuesday of the month from October through April, 7 – 8 p.m., virtual

Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., beginning October 6, virtual

Join us for this interactive program full of rhymes, music and movement.

For babies through age 5. The first 30 registrations will be notified for details to pick up a shaky egg & scarf to use at home during the story time. Registration required.

Halloween Costume Show and Tell

Saturday, October 24, 11 a.m., virtual

Join us on Zoom to share your cool costume, get ideas for costumes and make-up and play a fun game. Registration required.



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Programs for Families and Children

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Family Trivia Night: Candy edition

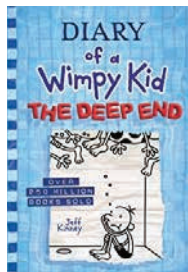
Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m., virtual



Join Cotton Candy Catherine, Milky Way Melissa and Airhead Annie in a virtual trivia night dedicated to October's most popular food group: CANDY!

Wimpy Kid Trivia

Thursday, November 5, 4 p.m., virtual



Zoo-Wee-Mama, come and join us to play Wimpy Kid Trivia as we celebrate the release of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End*. A few copies of the new book will be raffled off to participants. Who will be victorious in their knowledge of all things Greg Heffley??!

Registration required.

Illustrator/ Author - Ruth McNally Barshaw

Saturday, November 7, 2 p.m., virtual



Michigan's own creator of the Ellie McDoodle book series and illustrator of the *Leopold the Lion* picture book will visit with us live on Zoom where we'll chat and sketch together. A clipboard, paper and pencils will be set aside for you from curbside pickup when you register for this fun event. Registration required.

Mush!

Thursday, November 12, 4-5 p.m., virtual

Meet Karen Land, a three-time participant in the 1,049-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race across Alaska—and her Alaskan husky, Noggin as they share tales (and tails!) from the trail. Learn about the dogs, the sport of mushing, and the Alaskan wilderness. All ages welcome for this Zoom program.

Registration required. Registration opens October 22.



Michigan Science Center presents "Kaboomistry!"

Thursday, December 12, 7 p.m., virtual

Why do things explode? Learn about the relationships between pressure, temperature and fuel to explain why things go KA-BOOM! The Michigan Science Center will mix physics and chemistry to get some loud, flashy effects. Registration begins Monday, November 23.

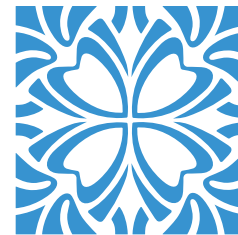


October 1 – November 30, virtual

Leaf the screen behind & pick up a good book! Kids ages 0-18 can sign up to "Fall For Reading" with GPPL. Participants who log their reading and complete activities will be entered into a drawing for gift cards to local businesses at the end of the program. <https://gp.beanstack.org/reader365>

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Middle School and Teen Programs



Teen Social Hour



Stranger Things Trivia

Wednesday, October 7, 4-5:30 p.m., virtual

Come relax and test your Stranger Things knowledge in this virtual trivia event. The top player will win a gift card to their favorite place. Registration required.



Jackbox Party Edition

Wednesday, November 18, 4-5:30 p.m., virtual

Come together and play some games against your peers. All you need is a smartphone and we'll provide the link. Will you be the best player of the night? The winner will receive a gift card to their favorite place. Registration required.

Tween Writers Group

Mondays, October 19, November 16, 6:30 p.m., virtual

Do you like to write? Do you want to meet other writers in a supportive group to share your work and have fun? We will meet virtually once a month to discuss writing, get creative prompts and share samples of our writing. For ages 11-13. Registration required. Please plan to attend all sessions.



Murder Mystery

Friday, December 11, 6-8 p.m., virtual

Ever play Clue and think, you know, actually participating in this would be fun? Minus the murder of course. Now you can. Join a murder mystery where the participants are part of the game. Want to dress up for the part? Go ahead (unfortunately, it won't help your chances). But, it will make it more fun.



Registration required.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY ACCOUNT



To increase the security of your personal information, a PIN number was added to your library account on September 23.

Your PIN number is the last 4 digits of your phone number (as it appears on your library record). You will be able to reset your PIN if you prefer.

When you login to your account (to place holds, view your checked out items, or to renew items) you will be asked for your library card and PIN numbers.

If you have any questions, please call the Central Circulation Desk at 313-343-2074 ext 1220 or Woods Circulation Desk at 313-343-2072 ext 2201.

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visit www.grosseointelibrary.org/events



Library Construction Renderings

As mentioned on the front page "From The Director," our phase one construction at all three branches is well underway.

The Central Branch new outdoor plaza is complete with all new cement, new steps and ADA ramp. The brick pavers provide a welcoming space for visitors to take a break, enjoy the outdoors and relax. WiFi is available 24/7 on the outdoor plaza as well.

The new second door near Mack at the Woods Branch is complete too. The new entrance is much closer to the parking lot on Mack and makes it more convenient for patrons to park. In addition, improved lighting at the main entrance and better safety on the floating staircase was completed.

Renovations at the Ewald Branch in Grosse Pointe Park will be complete in December and include new carpet, paint, fixtures and furniture. One of the biggest changes our patrons requested was to improve the acoustics and the sightlines and safety at the branch's main entrance and the Circulation and Reference desks.

"I'm confident our patrons and staff will be thrilled when they see all of the renovations made at our three buildings," said Jessica Keyser, Library Director. "We are humbled and honored by all of the support we have received from the community."

CENTRAL BRANCH



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Library Facility Updates



EWALD BRANCH



WOODS BRANCH



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Back-to-School Resources for Parents and Students

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Library of the Future

Whether your children are attending from home or in person, back-to-school is overwhelming this year. The library has compiled a list of our resources for students, parents and teachers. We're in this together!

FOR STUDENTS

Online Resources

To visit these resources, use the search box on the Library's website, or simply click the title if viewing online.



Britannica School

K-5 research for people, countries, science, animals, current events and biographies; includes video and games.



WorldBook Early Learning

Stories, activities & games for young learners, PreK-5.



PebbleGo

Information on animals and social studies, K -3.



Bookflix

Classic video storybooks from Weston Woods paired with reader help and learning games. Pre-K-3.



Brainfuse

Homework help with live tutors, skill building, a 24-hour writing lab and test prep. Adult learning center too.



Mango Languages

Over 72 Languages! Practice conversation, learn English as a Second Language (ESL), watch foreign language films, use translator tool.



Brain HQ

Exercises to improve your memory, attention, people skills, intelligence and navigation abilities.



Learning Express Library

Practice exams for multiple careers, college entrance, military, GED and more.



MeL eResources for School

Multiple educational resources, K-12.

Material Resources

Story Kits

Check out a backpack with a beloved story, plush toy and activity sheet. Kids can make their own storytime.

Talking Book Kits

Backpack with picture book and audiobook. Great for beginning readers and ESL readers.

STEAM Kits

Portable learning experiments centered around science, tech, engineering, art & math. Check out a robot. Learn about astronomy. Animation. Construction.

Documentary Film Collection

A vast collection of films outlining historical events, nature and natural life, the arts, biographies and more.

Coping with back-to-school during a pandemic

How to Support Your Child for a Very Difficult School Year

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-support-your-child-this-back-to-school-time>

Supporting Your Child's Mental Health as They Return to School

<https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/supporting-your-childs-mental-health-during-covid-19-school-return>

How to Ease Back-to-School Stress

<https://www.childrenscolorado.org/conditions-and-advice/parenting/parenting-articles/back-to-school-stress/>

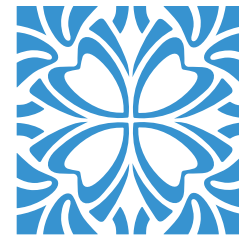
Calming Students' Back-to-School Anxieties

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/calming-childrens-back-school-anxieties/>

**"We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that
the only solution is love and that love comes with community."**

– Dorothy Day

Back-to-School Resources for Parents and Students



FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Helping You Work

To visit these resources, use the search box on the Library's website, or simply click the title if viewing online.



Job Now from Brainfuse

Resume help, job interview tips, job search help.



Reference USA

Information on businesses, executives, employee size, sales volume and more.



Learning Express Library through MeLCat

Test and career prep, resume builder.



Job and Career Accelerator through MeLCat:

Job Search, Career Prep & e-Books.



Consumer Reports

Get unbiased ratings and reviews for 9000+ products and services, plus trusted advice and in-depth reporting.



Auto Repair Resource

Vehicle information library.



GCF Learn Free

Tutorials for those new to computers.



Lynda

Quick video courses in business, software & tech.

Wi-fi Hotspots

We have 20 available and have ordered more. There is often a wait, so get on the list early. Adults only.

Printing

When the library moves into Level 3 (we are currently at Level 4), patrons will be able to print from home and pick-up at the library.

Relax & Restore



Kanopy

After a long day, sit back and enjoy one of Kanopy's 26,000 movies, including Criterion Collection films, indie award winners and PBS collections.



Hoopla

Checkout movies, shows, graphic novels, audiobooks, e-Books & music. Even has exercise videos. 12 items per month. No returns.



RBDigital

Browse hundreds of magazines on RBDigital (also great for book reports), downloaded right to your device.

Tool and Seed collection

Over 150 tools and counting. Tools for yardwork, plumbing and moving. Special collections include:

- SAD Lights
- Telescopes
- Yard games
- Over 100 seed varieties
- Binoculars
- Record Player
- Movie Projector

Yard games

- Bocce Ball
- Corn Hole
- Giant Jenga
- Giant Checkers
- Croquet
- Rollers



Bedtime stories

Make time for fun, non-academic reading. We have over 160,000 books to choose from.

All events are virtual. For more information and to register
visit www.grossepointelibrary.org/events



Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

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If you have walked or driven past the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Central branch lately, you will notice quite a change. Accessibility, function and aesthetics have all been vastly improved by the Central Plaza project; a project supported by the generous donors and members of the Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The Friends and Foundation's annual fundraiser, Masquerade for the Stacks 2019, raised the funds to build the new ADA compliant ramp. The previous year's Masquerade helped provide the Library with the delivery van you've no doubt seen cruising around town. Each year brings a new opportunity for the community to rally behind a project to our constantly improving library system.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has put a stop to our ability to gather in person at another Masquerade, it has not halted the desire to support and provide for the Library. This year the Friends and Foundation invite the community to support Mask or Aid for the Stacks - a non-event fundraiser that allows you to remain safe at home, save money on a babysitter and not fret over what to wear. Your ticket purchase will be entirely tax deductible.

The funds provided this year will support

the lighting project at the Ewald branch where more modern and efficient LED light fixtures will replace the 16-year-old less efficient lighting. The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation supported a similar lighting project at Central in 2018, replacing old fixtures and updating to more efficient LED technology. This investment has proven to be a tremendous savings for the Library.

Still Time to Sponsor

Please consider joining the 2020 Mask or Aid sponsors in support of the Grosse Pointe Public Library - Antonelli Financial Advisors, Mindy & Jeff Barry, Paige & Gary Niehaus and Paige & Brian Peabody. For more information or to learn other ways you can contribute to the success of the Library call Beth at 313-640-4683 or visit us online at ffgppl.org.



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and additional WiFi access points to make connecting to our network a breeze. Some highlights of the design include a blue stone "carpet" under the iconic Kipp sculpture, a new flagpole, and a unique rectangular pattern in the pavers that complements the rectangular theme in the ceiling of the main reading room of the library. Perhaps most importantly, we now have an accessible ramp leading to the front porch, making our library more welcoming to all.

At the Woods branch, a new public entrance was added to the Mack side of the building, increasing the visibility of the library and enabling patrons to use the parking available in the lot we share with Parcels Middle School. We also added lighting and other safety features to the floating staircase, as well as a beautiful bench in the area under the stairs.

Work is currently underway at the Ewald branch to update the carpet, paint, fixtures and some furniture. The layout of the interior will be reconfigured to provide better sight-lines and acoustics throughout the library, as well as additional seating and a lounge area with a living wall. The work at Ewald is anticipated to be complete in December.

Sunday Hours

Sunday hours resumed with the beginning of the school year. Curbside pick-up at the Central and Woods branches, as well as phone and chat reference services are available Sundays from 1-5 beginning September 13. We are committed to supporting students, teachers, and parents however we can.

GPPL Gives Back: School Supply Drive

The Library once again partnered with the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club to collect school supplies, backpacks, and masks for students who are served by Northeast Integrated Health (formerly Northeast Guidance Center). Several boxes of much-needed supplies were collected for this cause. Special thanks to Circulation Coordinator Laney Corrado for making it happen!

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Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

Reference Hotline (during curbside hours) 313-389-6212



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10 Kercheval Ave.
at Fisher Rd
Grosse Pointe Farms
313.343.2074



EWALD BRANCH

15175 E. Jefferson Ave.
between Lakepointe and Maryland
Grosse Pointe Park
313.821.8830
(closed for renovation)



WOODS BRANCH

20680 Mack Ave.
at Vernier
Grosse Pointe Woods
313.343.2072