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Library Pointes

THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



From the Director, **Jessica Keyser**

As this newsletter goes to print, we will be preparing to break ground on some exciting building projects that are a result of the space and capital needs assessment study completed last year. At the Central branch, the first phase of work will be on the front façade of the building. Our goals for the first phase of the Central improvements are to improve access and visibility of the library, create a functional outdoor space, create additional outdoor seating, provide a family-friendly outdoor activity area, and integrate the landscaping with the beautiful mid-century modern architecture of the building.

At the Ewald branch, the objectives of the first phase will be to reduce noise transmission from the children's area throughout the library, improve the seating area surrounding the fireplace, re-orient the program room entry to create more room for seating around the fireplace, and to improve traffic flow in the library. The plans also include increased visibility in the teen zone, improved efficiency of the staff work area and a centralized service desk for circulation and reference services.

At Woods, we plan to move ahead with the creation of an additional public entrance and improved visibility and parking on the south side of the building.

The Ewald renovations are anticipated to begin March 1. The branch will be closed approximately 6-8 weeks while the renovations are underway. Staff will be reassigned to Central and Woods during that time. The work at Central and Woods will also be done this spring. As it is outdoor work, we do not anticipate any closures at Central and Woods in this phase.

We will have artistic renderings and sample boards for the community to view at each branch as the plans take shape. We wish to thank everyone who has provided feedback throughout this process, and for your patience as we work to make the GPPL facilities the best they can be.

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Adult Programs



HYGGE at the library

Join us again this winter as we indulge in hygge, a Danish and Norwegian word for feelings of coziness, wellness and contentment.

Puzzle Tournament & Cocoa

Saturday, January 11 from 2-4 p.m., Ewald Branch

Join our 2nd annual puzzle tournament. Sign-up in teams of four or as an individual to be placed on a team. Each team will be assigned a 1,000 piece puzzle. Puzzlers will begin promptly at 2 p.m. and have 2 hours to finish. First team to finish wins. Winners will receive gift cards to a local restaurant. Registration required.

Cozy Coffee with Grosse Pointe Coffee Roasters

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

The local coffee artisans of Grosse Pointe Coffee Roasters have recently returned from Denmark and know a thing or two about cozy warm drinks. They'll share the history of coffee, the roasting process and what makes a great cup of coffee. Coffee samples and sweets included. Registration required.

Two Canoe Candle Co. Presentation

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

One of the hallmarks of Hygge is warmth and light. Our own local candle makers will present a demo on the art of making candles. Registration required.



Yoga for the Winter Blues

Wednesday February 5, 6: 30 p.m., Ewald Branch

Instructor Katherine Page, who specializes in yoga for grief, will lead an all-levels Hatha class that will include asana (yoga poses), prana (breathing techniques) and meditation. Beginners welcome. Wear comfy clothes and bring a mat if you have one. Registration required.

CONVERSATION CAFÉ: Women & Invisible Work

Saturday, March 7, 1 p.m., Central Branch

Conversation Cafés are open, hosted conversations where people gather to make sense of our world. At a Conversation Café there is no agenda, just a simple process that helps to shift us from small talk to BIG talk. For International Women's Day we'll discuss cultural expectations of women and the invisible work behind these ideals. Registration required.

Ann Arbor Film Festival

Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

The Ann Arbor Film Festival is the oldest avant-garde and experimental film festival in North America. Internationally recognized as a premiere forum for independent filmmakers and artists, it receives more than 3,000 submissions annually from more than 65 countries and serves as one of a handful of Academy Award®-qualifying festivals in the United States. For its 58th annual celebration, the library will feature 50 minutes of this year's top-rated short clips.





Adult Programs

Women's Financial Workshop

Monday, February 3, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

Melissa Fradenburg, Financial Advisor with Pearl Planning will be discussing personal finance, investing and financial planning as it relates to the specific challenges women face nearing retirement or facing a life transition. This workshop will help educate, empower and alleviate stress surrounding the topic of money in a judgment-free environment where participation is encouraged. Registration required.

Lost Car Companies of Detroit

Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m., Woods Branch

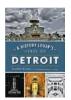


Among more than 200 auto companies that tried their luck in the Motor City, just three remain – Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. But many of those lost to history have colorful stories worth telling. Author Alan Naldrett explores these and more tales of automakers who ultimately failed but shaped the

industry and designs putting wheels on the road today.

A History Lover's Guide to Detroit

Thursday, May 14, 7 p.m., Woods Branch



Join Karin Risko for an intimate tour of the city that put the world on wheels and discover an amazing history of innovation, philanthropy, social justice and culture. Step inside the tiny recording studio where Berry Gordy created a music empire. Tour Art Deco masterpieces. Walk in the footsteps of Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr. to Cobo Hall, where he first delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech.

Science Fiction Book Club

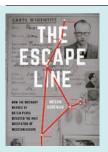
Meets the second Wednesday of the month, every other month 7 p.m., Central Branch



Forever War, by Joe Haldeman February 12



John Carter: A Princess of Mars, by Edgar Rice Burroughs April 8

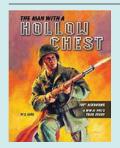


The Escape Line

Thursday, January 9, 7 p.m., Woods Branch

Megan Koreman will discuss her book, The Escape Line. Of all the resistance organizations that operated during the war, this one stands out because it was not directed by Allied officers, but by a group

of ordinary citizens. Between 1942 and 1945 they formed a network to smuggle Dutch Jews and others into France and then to Switzerland. This network became known as the Dutch-Paris Escape Line. The author is the daughter of Dutch parents who were part of the resistance.



The Man With A Hollow Chest

February 20, 7 p.m., Woods Branch

Mark Bando will discuss this story of a paratrooper from boyhood ending with the WW II draft and his part in the D-Day jump at Normandy and the battles to

follow in France, Holland and Belgium. Much of the story is told first person through letters home and later recollections of the war as told to his daughter.



Dogfight Over Tokyo

Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m., Central Branch

Drawing on participant letters, diaries, and interviews, newspaper and radio accounts, historian and prolific author, John Wukovits will discuss this story of Air

Group 88's pilots and crew through their eyes. Dogfight over Tokyo is written in the same riveting, edge-of-your-seat style that has made Wukovits's previous books so successful. This is a stirring, one-of-a-kind tale of naval encounters and the last dogfight of the war.

Meet the Authors & Special Programs





Books on the Lake Coming in May

May 1 & 2

Back by popular demand, Books on the Lake will feature renowned authors as they discuss their latest books. Watch for more details on our website and e-news.

What does it mean to be an American? What holds us together in turbulent times? Community Discussion

Coming Spring 2020.

American Creed premiered in February 2018 and was one of the most widely carried PBS documentaries of the year. In the film, former Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, David M. Kennedy, come together to explore the idea of a unifying American creed. GPPL will be hosting a film viewing and community conversation this spring. Watch for information about the date and time on our website and e-newsletter.







Great Michigan Read – What The Eyes Don't See



The Grosse Pointe Public Library is pleased to partner with Michigan Humanities for the "Great Michigan Read" featuring the book, What The Eyes Don't See. Michigan Humanities' Great Michigan Read creates a statewide discussion around the humanities themes of a selected book.

The selection for 2020 "What the Eyes Don't See" by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, is the inspiring story of how Dr. Hanna-Attisha, with a team of researchers, parents, friends and community leaders, discovered the children of Flint were being exposed to lead in their tap water.

The GPPL has the book in regular print, large print, audiobook and on Overdrive/Libby in e-book and audiobook. Look for more information about drop-in discussions on our website.

Night in the Stacks: Kick off the Roaring 2020s with AireyB & Her Blues Boys

Saturday, January 25, 7 – 9 p.m., Ewald Branch

Celebrate the spirit of the Roaring 20s legendary blues performers – Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith and Lizzie Miles – with a concert by Metro Detroit's rising star, Airey Browder. AireyB is backed by her Blues Boys: trumpeter/ singer James O'Donnell, bassist Jeff



Cuny and drummer Jake Matthews. The evening begins with a reception and light hors d'oeuvres. Doors open at 7, concert begins at 7:30. Registration required. Ages 21 and up please.

Write On Pointe: Short Story Contest

Our popular Short Story Contest returns this winter as part of our Write On Pointe programming. Enter your short story for a chance to read your work among other local writers at our Awards Ceremony. Complete contest rules and entry form are available on the GPPL website and at each branch.

Entries due: Friday, February 14, 9 p.m. Finalists notified: Friday, March 20

Awards ceremony: Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m., Central Branch



Programs for Families and Children

ALL BRANCHES & OTHER EVENTS

1000 Books before Kindergarten

Participate in this FREE program that 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. Mark off the books you have read on your reading log (print or via the app). When you reach 100, show us your log to receive your prize and your new reading log. As children reach their milestones, their names will be displayed on our walls of fame. For any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten. For more information about this nationwide initiative, visit http:// 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org/

Winter Story Times

Starting the week of January 13 at your 3 GPPL branches.

Registration opens January 2. See events calendar or the Story Time Booklet for details and to register.

Signing Story Time with Momcat Kelly

Saturday January 4 and February 1 at 10:30 a.m., Ewald Branch; Saturday March 21 and May 2 at 10:30 a.m., Woods Branch; Saturday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m., Central Branch

Signing Story Time is a great way for you and your child to learn American Sign Language (ASL) vocabulary. No registration required.

Plush Doctor

Sunday, January 26, Ewald Branch; Sunday, February 9, Woods Branch; Sunday, March 8, Central Branch; 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Dr. D will sew and help spot clean stuffed animals. No registration required.

Preschool Fair

Wednesday, January 29, 6 - 8 p.m., Woods Branch

Choosing a preschool can be a daunting task, and the Grosse Pointe Public Library is here to help. Stop by the fair to chat with representatives from preschools in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding



areas. No registration required.

#OneGP Parent Camp

Saturday, February 29, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Parcells Middle School

The Grosse Pointe Public Schools, in conjunction with The Family Center, Healthy Communities GP & Harper Woods and the GPPL are presenting Parent Camp to empower parents with information and dialogue to support the children in our community. Topics will include social media, cultural competency, bullying, suicide prevention, anxiety, trauma, unconscious bias, vaping and more. Childcare will be provided.

Doll Tea Party

Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Pier Park Community Room, Grosse Pointe Farms

The Doll Tea Party will be held at The Pier Park Community Room in Grosse Pointe Farms. This program is for children ages 5 and older, please. We will have a light lunch, followed by a presentation and craft. Please bring your favorite doll or stuffed toy. Tickets are required and available for purchase beginning Saturday, February 22 at the Central Branch.

Tickets are \$5 each for adults and children. Limit six tickets per person. Please present library card at purchase.



Laurie Berkner, Live in Concert

Saturday May 16, 11 a.m. Brownell Middle School

Join us for an unforgettable and highlyacclaimed entertainment experience

that will inspire a lifelong love of music and create lasting memories with the whole FAMILY. Fans of all ages and abilities are welcome to this free concert. Registration required.



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Programs for Families and Children



CENTRAL BRANCH

Saturday Drop-In Story Times

January 25, February 22, March 21, April 4, 10:30 a.m.

Start your Saturday with a fun and interactive Story Time.



Winter Break Drop-In Craft

Tuesday, February 18, 1 - 4 p.m.

Stop in for some creative crafting fun. No registration necessary.



Baffling Bill the Magician and Gus the Bunny

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

Be captivated by Baffling Bill's incredible magic tricks and his charming sidekick Gus. Registration begins Monday, March 2.



Mad Science presents Icky, Gooey, Bubbly Monday, April 6, 2 p.m.

Kids will explore basic chemistry using special no-stick slime, lots of bubbles and much more. Registration begins Monday, March 16.



Comedy Juggler Rufus the Dufus

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30 p.m.

Rufus will entertain you with his amazing juggling and hilarious jokes. Great for the whole family. Registration required.







Programs for Families and Children

EWALD BRANCH

Read, Rhyme & Play

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., January - February

Join us for this interactive program full of rhymes, music and movement. For babies through age 5, enjoy the story time and then stay after and play for an hour. No registration required.



Reader Dog Drop-In Saturdays

January 4 & 18, February 1, 15 & 29, 2 - 3 p.m.

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



Detective Science by Mad Science of Detroit

Monday, January 27, 7-8 p.m.

Help crack a case by inspecting fingerprints, exploring mystery powders, ink samples, and teeth impressions. Join us for an evening of detective work! Registration is required and begins on Jan. 6.



Lego Club

1st Wednesday of the month, January 8 and February 5

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.



HOUR OF CODE

Harry Potter, Learn to Code & Make Magic

Thursday, January 16, 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 now open.

Dance Party

Thursday, February 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Code a dance party to work on some cool moves. For grades 2+. Registration begins January 23.



Programs for Families and Children



WOODS BRANCH

Awesome Afternoons

Wednesdays – January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8 and May 13, 4 p.m.

Join us after school on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for STEAM, games, crafts, and most importantly....fun! For ages 6-12. No registration required.

Sensory Friendly Movie

Saturday, February 29, 2 p.m.

A Dog's Way Home

Lights up. Sound down. Enjoy recent releases in an accepting environment. Sensory Showtimes make movies extra welcoming to guests with special needs, including autism.



March is Reading Month Performer: Baffling Bill the Magician

Monday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.

Come celebrate "March is Reading Month" with Baffling Bill's Magic of Reading Show. This 40-minute show promotes reading and features amazing magic tricks, audience participation, and the appearance of Gus the Bunny who actually performs card tricks.



PJ Story Time

Mondays - March 16, April 20 and May 18, 7 p.m.

Wear your jammies and join us for stories, songs and fun. Recommended for ages 2-5, but all are welcome. No registration required.

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Monday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Bring your teddy bear or stuffed animal to PJ Story Time and leave him at the library for a special teddy bear sleepover. Pick up your buddy any time on Tuesday and hear about all the fun he had in the library overnight.



Community Baby Shower

Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m.

Come socialize with other expectant and new parents, learn about the library and reading to your baby, and pick up your "Born to Read" swag bag. Plus more fun.



Drop-in Story Times

Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10:30 a.m.

National Library Week Performer: Rufus the Dufus

Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.

Rufus the Dufus, sometimes better known as Chuck Clark, has been performing his brand of comedy juggling for the last seven years. Rufus's performing career began with a well-balanced unicycle and juggling act, and he has been adding new and exciting tricks to his performing repertoire. Join us for some family fun.





Middle School and Teen Programs

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Tween After Hours

Friday, January 10, February 7 and March 6, 6:30 p.m., Central Branch

Ages 11-13, take over the library after hours with scavenger hunts, challenges, puzzle solving, snacks and games. Registration required. February registration begins January 17 and March registration begins February 14.

Murder Mystery after Hours

Friday, January 17, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Woods Branch

An 80s themed whodunit where the "killer" could be you. Enjoy this experience where members of the audience become



part of the show. Use your detective skills to find the killer. Registration required.

Makerfaire

Saturday, February 8, 12 – 4 p.m., Central Branch

Get your STEM with Liggett teacher Mr. Provenzano. Learn how to use new technology and make things. The robotics team will make an appearance and possibly demo their robot. Registration required.

Teen Poetry Slam

Monday, February 10, 6:30 -8:30 p.m., Ewald Branch; Monday, April 20, 6:30-8:30 pm, Woods Branch

Join us for a fun night of poetry competition. Prizes! Refreshments!

Art Lab

Foldable Art, Monday, February 17, 2 p.m.; **Poetry Art,** Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 a.m., Central Branch

Artsy ideas and supplies galore. Bring your inner artist and try whatever you like. For ages 11-13. February registration begins January 27 and April registration begins March 17

Wreck This Journal

Saturday, February 29, 2:30 p.m., Central Branch

We provide materials and prompts, you get started "wreck-orating" your own journal. For ages 11-13. Registration begins February 8

Tween Tech Tinkering

Take Apart Day, February 20; Tech Races, April 9, 2 p.m., Central Branch

Ages 11-13 explore technology, think outside the box, try something new and master something you know. February registration begins January 30 and April registration begins March 19

Harry Potter Trivia Night

Thursday, March 12, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Accio library! Not sure if that's right, but Harry Potter fans can correct it. Get your team (or house) together to obliviate your opponents. Expecto good time with friends, food and butter beer. Registration required.

Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament - Round 3

Saturday, March 21, 1 - 4 p.m., Woods Branch



YA's Favorite New Book Club

Thursday, April 16, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Teens looking for a book discussion group – look no further. Just come ready to discuss the books you're



reading and give other recommendations. Registration required.

College Essay Writing Workshop

Saturday, April 18, 12 – 3 p.m., Woods Branch

Educational consultant Karen French will help you navigate the college essay writing process. Learn some tips and tricks that will give your application what it needs for success. Registration required.

Movies and Digital Services



Afternoon @ The Movies:

Woods Branch January 21, February 18, March 17

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



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Family Classic Movie Night

Woods Branch



Toy Story 4 Thursday, February 20, 2 p.m.

No registration required. ©Walt Disney Productions



Frozen II Thursday, April 9, 2 p.m.

No registration required. ©Walt Disney Pictures/Disney Animation

Digital Services

The Library's variety of databases not only make your life easier and save you money, they bring the library to you. Listed below are just a few of our online resources. Find these and more at https://grossepointelibrary.org/ebooks-movies-music and https://grossepointelibrary.org/research-learning



Auto Repair Source

Get up-to-date data to diagnose, repair and maintain your vehicle.



Consumer Reports

Access a wealth of information and product reviews as well as buying guides for autos, appliances, electronics and more.



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Boost your career with thousands of online tutorials..



NoveList

There's Novelist K-8 Plus and Novelist Plus. Both help you find just the right book



PebbleGo

Research and information on animals and social studies for grades K - 3+.



RB Digital

Download and read full-color magazines on your tablet or smartphone, for free.

Visit the Library's web site to access all of our databases free. All you need is your Library card.



Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

The Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library celebrate the Library's ability to connect our community



The Breuer Preservation Fund is actively seeking funding to enhance the Central Library's architecture and support its mission to connect the community with the addition of an outdoor plaza on Kercheval. To donate to this fund and have a hand in making a place for all, call Beth at 313-640-4683 or visit our website ffgppl.org.

Masquerade

Masquerade for the Stacks 2019 was made possible by the generous sponsors, donors, and guests who support our Grosse Pointe Public Library. Thank you to all who donned a gown, tuxedo, or mask and joined us in celebration of the Library's unique ability to connect us to information, inspiration, education, aspirations and, most importantly, to each other. Because of you, our Central branch will receive a new accessible ramp on the Kercheval entrance. Thank you to our amazing Masquerade Sponsors:

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Friends Used Book Sale

Friends Used Book Sale, Woods Branch, Lower Level; Friends Members Preview, Thurs., Feb. 6, 7 – 8 p.m., New members may join at the door Fri., Feb. 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sat., Feb.8, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bag Day \$5

Books, Bags and Bagels

Sat., March 14, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Enjoy shopping for some gently used bags and books, while munching on a delicious bagel. Donations accepted at all three branches beginning February 1. Stay tuned for ongoing pop-up sales.

Volunteers Welcome

The Friends depend on volunteers to staff our Used Bookstore at the Woods Branch, and to work at our book sales. To volunteer, please submit a form at the bookstore or online thru the website at ffgppl.org

Friends Down Under Bookstore

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

Book Donations

Please see our guidelines at ffgppl.org.

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All branches open at 9 a.m. Monday - Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday



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10 Kercheval Ave. at Fisher Rd Grosse Pointe Farms



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



WOODS BRANCH

20680 Mack Ave. at Vernier Grosse Pointe Woods

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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

vear only)

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