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THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



From the Director, Jessica Keyser

Library Reimagined Update

Construction at the Woods branch is now well underway. All of the books and other materials have been carefully placed in storage, and crews are hard at work removing old flooring and preparing the building for new paint, flooring, fixtures and furniture. It has been very touching to me that the most frequently asked question about the construction at Woods has been, "Where will the Woods staff go?" I want to reassure everyone that the Woods crew is still actively serving the public from the Central and Ewald branches. If you haven't done so already, please come by and say hello. While you are visiting Central and Ewald, be sure to check out the fabulous businesses on the Hill and in the West Park District. These are each unique sections of Kercheval with wonderful small, independently owned businesses that help to make Grosse Pointe such a special place in which to live, work, and visit.

New Resource to Experience the Joy of Making

We have a wonderful new resource for you to try called Creative Bug. Creative Bug is a database of thousands of award-winning art and craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists from around the world. There are lessons for people of all abilities. Studies have shown that doing something creative has many benefits, including relieving stress, improving mood, and decreasing cognitive decline. To get started, go to: <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/grossepointe> to sign up for an account. You will login with your barcode and PIN, and then set up your account with an email address. Happy Crafting!

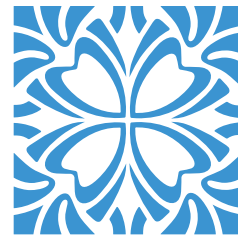
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Visit the library's website. www.grossepointelibrary.org



Get Outside All Year Long with GPPL

1,000 Hours Outside is a local movement helping kids and adults spend more time in the great outdoors. The library will be kicking off 2022 with the goal of helping you spend 1,000 hours outside.

Check the online calendar (grossepointelibrary.org/events) for monthly outdoor programs and take-home nature fun. You can pick up a tracking sheet at Central or Ewald to start your 1,000 hours today.



Winter Reading for Adults

January 1, 2022 – February 28, 2022

Winter is a great time to cozy up and read. Adults – enjoy all the fun of our winter reading program. Create your account in Beanstack on our website and write a short synopsis or review of each book you read this winter. One winner will be selected at random for our Grand Prize of \$100 in GP “Chamber Change.”

Crochet Beanie Hat Demonstration

Thursday, January 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Virtual

Let's create together. Join us with your yarn and hook to crochet a beanie for you or a friend. Registration required.



Digital Downloads 101

Wednesday, January 26, 7 – 8 p.m., Virtual

Learn how to borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks, and access streaming content for free with your library card. Registration required.

Sweet Treat: No Bake Cheesecake Demonstration

Thursday, February 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Virtual

Join Stephanie as she demonstrates how to make a no-bake turtle cheese-cake. Registration required.



Corrado Parducci, Architectural Sculptor

Thursday, February 10, 7 p.m. Location to be determined.

Over the course of a career that lasted more than half a century, Detroit based Italian-American architectural sculptor, Corrado Parducci (1900-1981), executed over 600 commissions, the vast majority for buildings in the Detroit area. Grosse Pointe Shores was his home from 1928 until his death in 1981. Join Dale A. Carlson, author of *Corrado Parducci: A Field Guide to Detroit's Architectural Sculptor*, as he discusses a dozen commissions found in the Pointes including Parducci's own residence, a handful of his most important Metro Area commissions, and a selection of his most significant work outside the State of Michigan. Join us for this keynote presentation featuring professional photography included in his book. Registration required.



Children's Playhouse at the Historic Estate of Edsel & Eleanor Ford (c.1931), Grosse Pointe Shores Easily one of Parducci's most significant commissions in the Pointes.

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Adult Programs

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Keep This Toss That

Wednesday, February 23, 7 p.m., Virtual

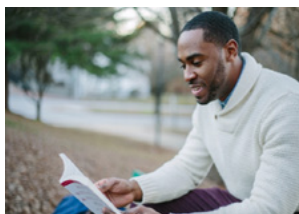
If you can't open your drawers, if clutter topples out of closets and paperwork covers your tabletops then log on for this virtual de-cluttering comedy show. Join Organizing Humorist and bestselling author Jamie Novak as she shares her laugh-out-loud funny approach for what to do with all the stuff – without getting overwhelmed. Wondering what to keep? What to toss? What to share or sell? And how to let it all go? Join this interactive virtual workshop when Jamie guides you through a tiny live tidy-up! Registration required.



Adults Love Story Time Too

Thursdays, March 17, April 14 and May 20, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Virtual

Adults, relax and unwind as Stephanie reads you a short story. Registration required.



Online Learning @ the Library

Wednesday, March 23, 7 – 8 p.m., Virtual

Learn a new skill or take up a hobby. Use library services like LinkedIn Learning or Creativebug to learn something new. Join us to find out about the many online learning options available with your library card. Registration required.

Adult Book Groups

Non-Fiction Book Discussion

7 – 8 p.m., Virtual

Registration Required

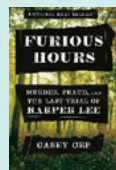
Thursday, January 20



The World According to Fannie Davis

by Bridgett M. Davis

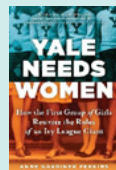
Thursday, February 17



Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud and the Last Trial of Harper Lee

by Cacey Cep

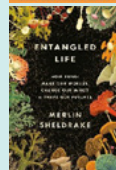
Thursday, March 17



Yale Needs Women

by Anne Gardiner Perkins

Thursday, April 21



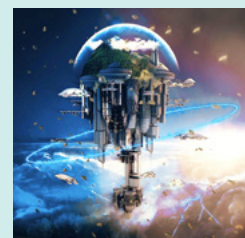
Entangled Life

by Merlin Sheldrake

Science Fiction Book Discussion

7 p.m., Virtual

Are you a fan of Science Fiction? Interested in new authors as well as older classics? If so, join us on the second Wednesday of even-numbered months. Registration required.



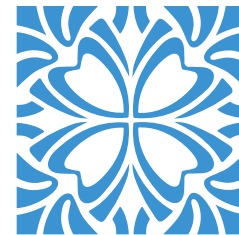
February 9 – **Recursion** by Blake Crouch

April 13 – **Foundation** by Isaac Asimov

June 8 – **Earthcore** by Scott Sigler

For more information and to register for events,
visit www.grosecpointlibrary.org/events

Programs for Families and Children



Read, Rhyme & Play on Zoom

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for this live, interactive program full of rhymes, music and movement. For babies through age 5. Registration required.



Youth Story Time

It's time for our Winter Story Time Sessions. Look for Miss Jane's, Miss Melissa's and Miss Rachel's new story times every week between January 11 and February 17.

See our online calendar for details.



Family Yoga

Thursday, January 20 and March 17, 4:30 p.m., Virtual

Ready for some movement and mindfulness? Yoga teacher Kathleen Wolney will guide us through different yoga poses as she reads a children's book. For kids and their parents. Registration required.



Cooking with Sticky Fingers

Wednesday, February 2, 4:30 p.m.

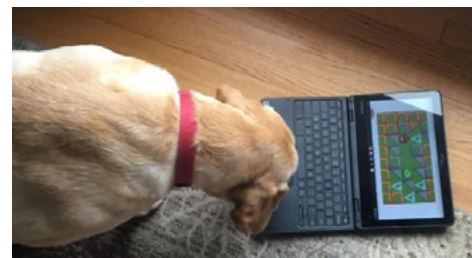
Let your favorite books come to life in the kitchen. We'll read, *Thank you, Omu* by Oge Mora and then make Red Stew + Knock, Knock Herbed Rice + Thank You Hibiscus Sparklers. Young chefs will spark their imaginations in this hands-on literary and culinary experience. A supplies list will be emailed to you to make this family meal together. Registration required.



Coding with Boomer

Thursday, February 3, 10 and 17, 4:15 p.m., Virtual

Join our journey through coding online using the program website code.org. Participants will learn what coding is, work with sequences and loops and use events to make their own project to share. For readers and non-readers in grades K-4. Registration required.



Dinosaur Day with Paleo Joe

Tuesday, February 15, 4 p.m., Virtual

PaleoJoe Paleontologist, children's author, storyteller and yes, a real dinosaur digger, brings his high energy program to excite, entertain and educate kids about DINO-SAURS and Paleontology. For over 25 years PaleoJoe has provided programs to kids of all ages across the country. His stories about dinosaur dig site adventures and the relationships between dinosaurs is told in a way that keeps kids and adults on the edge of their seats. Registration required.



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Programs for Families and Children

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Winter Reading 2022

January 1 – February 28

Escape the cold this winter by curling up with a good book and joining us for Winter Reading 2022. Kids aged 0-18 can sign up and log their reading and complete activities to earn free books and be entered into a drawing for gift cards to local businesses at the end of the program. See our website for more details or visit <https://gp.beanstack.org/reader365>

Meet the Pets: Presidential Animals from A to Z

Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m.

Meet co-authors Cathy Collison and Janis Campbell and Wendy Popko, illustrator of *Meet the Pets: Presidential Pets from A to Z*. This picture book introduces readers of all ages to stories of some famous and interesting presidential pets, as well as playful poems and whimsical art. There will be an opportunity for book purchase and signing following the program.



Stuffed Animal Tea Party

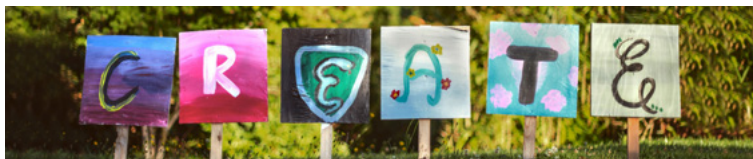
Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m.

Stuffed Animals drinking tea? Sounds like a party. Join us to party like animals. We'll play some games, make crafts and have a wild time. Registration required.



Monthly To-Go Craft

Each month stop by the Central or Ewald branch to pick up a craft activity and make something fun at home. Check the calendar for dates. Available while supplies last.



From the Director

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New faces at the GPPL

This has been a season of change at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Two long-time employees, Assistant Director Peggy Kitchel and Financial Coordinator Liz Meakem, have both retired after several decades of outstanding service to the community. We wish them many happy and healthy years of retirement!

I am thrilled to introduce our new Assistant Director, Darlene Hellenberg, and Financial Coordinator Tania Borrego. Darlene was previously the Assistant Director at the Ferndale Area District Library, where she has worked in virtually every role, from Page to Circulation Clerk to Librarian. I had the privilege of working with Darlene during my time at the Ferndale library, and she filled the role of Interim Director after my departure until a replacement was found nearly a year later. Darlene is a dynamic and compassionate leader, committed to fostering a positive and fulfilling organizational culture. Tania has an impressive background in financial management, and I am confident she will do an excellent job carrying on the good work of Liz Meakem in this critical role. She has also been a library patron and volunteer in the Grosse Pointe community for many years. Welcome to the team, Darlene and Tania.

Wishing you a happy and healthy year in 2022,
Jessica



Darlene Hellenberg



Tania Borrego

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Middle School and Teen Programs



Writing Group

Mondays, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, and May 9, 4 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? Meet once a month to discuss writing, get creative prompts and share writing samples. For ages 11-13. Registration required. Please plan to attend all meetings.



Art Lab at Home

Craft it up with Art Lab Kits for ages 11-13. Each kit contains most materials necessary to do the project. Pick up kits from the Central branch. Supplies are limited, registration required and opens 3 weeks before each date.



Touch Screen Gloves

Keep the chill away and still text your friends this winter when you make a pair of touch screen gloves. Thursday, January 13

Pastels and Paintin'

Try out oil pastels and develop a masterpiece. Thursday, February 17

Journal Wreckoration

Experiment, beautify, destroy, remix and Wreck Your Journal – do it all with prompts to take your creativity to the next level and the supplies to get started. Thursday, March 24

Stuck On Poetry

Your poetry will be magnetic with this art kit. Thursday, April 14

The Mysteries of Art

Get a variety of supplies and materials to collage, color, design and weave your way into the end of the school year. Thursday, May 12

Anime Club

Saturday, January 15, 2 – 4 p.m., Virtual

Join like-minded fans to discuss your favorite manga and anime. Registration required.



Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, February 10, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Virtual

Come together and let's make the library work better for teens. Registration required.



Squid Game Tournament

Saturday, March 26, 2 – 4 p.m.

Let's play some games and find out who's best at playing games from yesteryear. Dressing up is encouraged. Come blow off some steam with some fun outdoor activities. Players will not be eliminated. Registration required.



Murder Mystery

Friday, April 29, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Virtual

If you love solving mysteries and enjoyed playing Clue, you'll want to join us. In this murder mystery 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.



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Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

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Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

Friends of the GPPL is a member-supported organization that encourages literacy, lifelong learning, and the love of reading which stimulates interest in the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

Before the cold weather set in, the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library hosted a Book Exchange on the Central Branch Plaza in October. It was a lovely fall evening shared with fellow readers as we gathered to exchange books and puzzles. The Friends also hosted a Coffee & Donuts event on the Central Branch Plaza after the Santa Claus Parade in November. Children picked up a craft-to-go kit and free book while everyone enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate and donuts. Friends' members could even get a ceramic mug to use all winter long. It was a chilly day but heartwarming to see so many families participating. We look forward to welcoming you at future events.

The Friends also proudly sponsored several library programs recently including the parade day craft-to-go kits and the Authors to the Pointe event in October. The return of this event was welcomed by many and we were excited to be a sponsor.

With the Woods branch under construction, the Friends' used book store remains closed and we cannot accept donations at this time. However, in the spring of 2022 we look forward to welcoming you to our new book sales space on the first floor near the library entrance. This new space will include a lounge area and be easily accessible to all.

These events, sponsorships and book sales are all made possible by our members. Please be sure to renew your membership for 2022 or join as a new member at www.gpffriends.org.

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation is making "once upon a time" today

The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation is seeking private donor funding to support improvements at all three branches, primarily for the expansion of the youth space at Central. A gift today to the annual fund will ensure the youth space of tomorrow will be twice its current size and will include a comfortable story time space, stroller parking, family restroom and much more.

Contributions to the Foundation will be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$250,000) by a legacy gift from the Adele Huebner

estate. Once upon a time, Mrs. Huebner dreamed of a new and improved Central Branch and chose to support the prospect posthumously. Help us make "once upon a time" today.

Contact the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation at 313-640-4683 or visit us on the web at gplf.org to learn about ways to support the Library including some exciting new opportunities to make a commemorative and lasting gift to the Library of your choice.

Masquerade for the Stacks

Masquerade for the Stacks, the Foundation's annual gala held October 23, 2021 in honor of former board member and friend, George McMullen, was tremendously successful kicking off the fundraising season for the Library. Thanks to our incredibly generous sponsors, donors and guests the amount of our annual Masquerade gift to the Library will be twice the size of previous years and brings us a third

of the way to fulfilling our goal of funding the construction of the new youth space at Central.

The staff and board of directors of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation wish to thank our donors for helping us fulfill our mission of support for the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

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The Friends and Foundation work together to help build a strong public library that is able to inspire, inform and engage people of every age and background – a singular and powerful asset to our community. Please consider giving.



DONATE. Visit www.gplf.org to make a gift today and help inspire, inform and engage.



BECOME A FRIEND. Enjoy benefits and make a difference by becoming a Friend of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Membership envelopes can be found at each Library branch or join online at www.gpfriends.org.



VOLUNTEER. Volunteers make all things possible. Join the Friends and complete a volunteer application on our website www.gpfriends.org.



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Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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