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THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



From the Director, Jessica Keyser

Happy New Year! For many of us, the New Year is a time to reflect and set intentions for the months ahead. No matter what your resolutions and plans for the New Year may be, the Library has resources to support you. Perhaps you are planning to take a long-delayed trip to a distant location: learn a new language with Mango. Maybe you'd like to get in touch with your creative side: book an appointment in the DREAM Lab. Want to make new friends? Join a GPPL book discussion group! The possibilities are nearly endless.

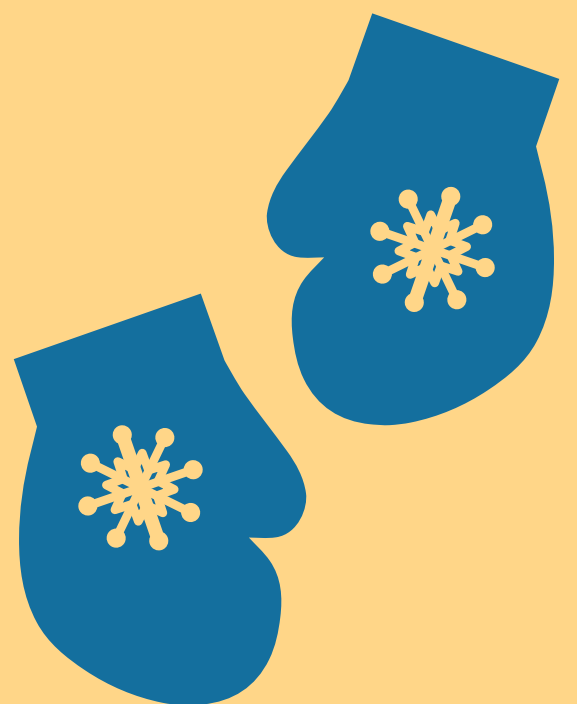
In December, long-time Woods Branch Manager Pat McClary retired. Pat joined the GPPL as a Youth Services Librarian in 2005. In 2016, Pat received the prestigious Frances H. Pletz Award from the Michigan Library Association in honor of her dedication to serving youth in the community. Pat established the Study, Tutoring, Enrichment and Programs (STEP) program in partnership with Parcels Middle School. Pat has played an instrumental role in the GPPL leadership team in setting and achieving ambitious strategic plan goals and a full renovation of the Woods branch. We wish "Miss Pat" a long and healthy retirement. Emerging Technologies Librarian Jessie Schenk has stepped into the Branch Manager role at Woods. She is already doing a fantastic job. Be sure to introduce yourself to her the next time you're at Woods.

On Friday, September 9, we opened the newly renovated Woods branch. If you weren't able to join us, make plans to visit this extraordinary space soon, and be sure to take advantage of all the programs, projects and services the library provides throughout the year.

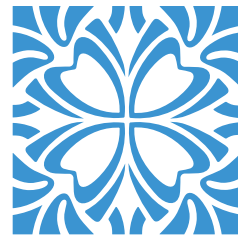
At the writing of this letter, we have just reached an exciting milestone in the construction of the addition at the Central library: the structural steel beams are now in place! I am happy to report that the project is on schedule and on budget, and we are on track to re-open in the Fall of 2023. The renovated and expanded building will include additional space for youth services and programming, expanded and accessible restrooms, a drive-up service window, and improved safety and accessibility throughout the building. We are grateful to the community, the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, and the Library Board for your support in maintaining and enhancing the building, ensuring that it will be enjoyed for generations to come.

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



Thoughts to Action Disability Visibility Project

Alice Wong's collection of essays, *Disability Visibility*, inspired GPPL's Thoughts to Action book club to help bring to light more stories of our disabled community. This winter, we'll be using the StoryCorps [www.storycorps.org] method to record interviews with people living with disabilities. Their stories will be archived online. If you would like to share your story, please contact our librarian, Annie Spence at aspen-ce@grossepointelibrary.org.

Tech Savvy Tuesdays

Every Tuesday in January and February 4 - 5 p.m., Ewald Branch

Bring your question(s), cell phone, tablet and laptop or use one of ours as we venture into the world of day-to-day technology. Be prepared to learn something new each week. Registration required.



Building the Business Plan

Saturdays, January 14 & 28, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Ewald Branch

Get the best out of your business ... write your business plan. Learn how, step-by-step, with business guru, Damon Thompson. After this two-part series, you will have a business plan. Registration required.



Estate Planning Workshop

Wednesday, January 18, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

In this educational, informative, empowering class - for parents with children at home - local mom and attorney Maura McKeever will cover what you need to know about making sure your kids are taken care of by the people you want, in the way you want. Registration required.

ACES Training

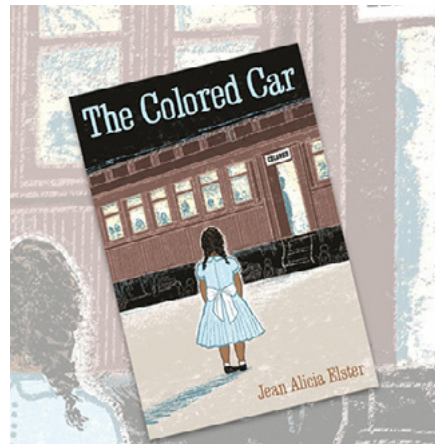
Monday, January 30, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

Adverse Childhood Experiences - commonly known as ACEs - affect children and families across all communities. ACEs can affect kids' health and well-being. This training will help you understand, recognize and prevent ACEs. Join Dr. Scott Grant for the insight you need to create healthier, happier childhoods for kids today and brighter futures for adults tomorrow. Registration required.

Jean Alicia Elster and The Colored Car

Wednesday, February 1, 7 - 8 p.m., Ewald Branch

Celebrate Black History Month with 2017 Kresge Fellow and past Ragdale Foundation resident, Jean Alicia Elster, and her award-winning book, *The Colored Car*. Registration required.



Illustrate with Procreate!

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 6 - 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

Pack your creative spirit and your iPad as children's book illustrator, Mariam Poppins, teaches how to create simple illustrations with Procreate. Registration required.

Workshop I. Intro to Procreate

Workshop II. How to Draw Simple Characters

Workshop III. How to Draw Scenes

Workshop IV. Implementation of Techniques Learned and Discussion

Origins of Food Series

Fridays, February 3 & 17 and March 3 & 17, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

Join us as we bite into the origins and history of food passed throughout generations. Registration required.



Boblo Boats: a Detroit Ferry Tale

Wednesday, February 8, Okulski Theatre, Windmill Pointe Park, 7 p.m.

Thousands reached Boblo Island on one of two sister steamships, SS Columbia and Ste. Claire. In 1993, Boblo Island closed and the boats went to ruin. Ste. Claire's fate rests in the hands of an unlikely band of heroes: a doctor, a psychic and an amusement park fanatic. A Q&A with the director follows the screening. Registration required.

Sponsored by the Friends of the GPPL.

Traditional Art of Coiling

Mondays, February 20 & 27, 1 - 3:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

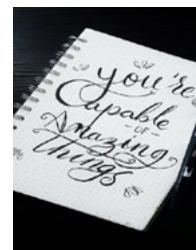
Learn and celebrate the art and tradition of coiling as practiced by the Gullah people of the Sea Islands. Materials supplied to participants. Registration required.



Calligraphy Saturdays

Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, and April 1, 8, 15 & 22, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Ewald Branch

This 8-week build-on workshop teaches the art of calligraphy. Participants will display their skills in an exhibit in the final week. Registration required.



On Writing Well

Saturdays, March 11 & 25 and April 8, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Bring your notepad, favorite pen, laptop or phone and join us as award-winning former Detroit Free Press copy editor and columnist, Oneita Jackson, shares her love of English. She will present tips to craft sentences that will captivate the most particular readers' attention. Registration required.

March 11 - Sentence Crafting: The Basics

March 25 - Creative Non-Fiction: Satire and Humor

April 8 - The Writing Workshop: Capturing the Reader's Attention

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



Higbie Maxon Agney Lecture Series

The Life and Work of Grosse Pointe Architect Leonard B. Willeke

Wednesday, January 25, 7 p.m.,
Ewald Branch and virtual

Presented by Katie Doelle



A skilled designer, Willeke could create a piece of furniture, light fixture, or residence. He created many stunning homes and gardens in Grosse Pointe. Today, his residential projects are highly regarded as true works of art. Registration required.

History and Legacy of Grosse Pointe Theatre – Celebrating 75 Years

Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m.,
Ewald Branch and virtual

Presented by the Grosse Pointe Theatre

This program focuses on the history of the group, the growth of its mainstage performances, educational programs and community engagement with a glimpse into the future. Registration required.



Poet Jacqueline Suskin

Monday, March 27, 1 p.m.,
Ewald Branch

In celebration of Women's History Month Jacqueline Suskin will recite a selection of poems by women poets, including some of her own. A poet and educator, she has composed over 40,000 improvisational poems with her ongoing writing project, Poem Store. Her work was featured in the New York Times and the Atlantic. Suskin runs an ongoing creative retreat program for artists and makers at Folklife Farm. FRegistration required.



Capturing the Moment – Photography Workshops

Mondays, April 10, 17 & 24,
6:30 - 8 p.m., Ewald Branch

Have you ever wished you could bottle up a moment and keep it forever? Well, now there's a way! Monica Morgan will show you how to use your DSLR (Digital Single-Lens Reflex) to take amazing photos that capture feelings, memories or even just an everyday occurrence in a beautiful way. Registration required.

Please note, this is a build on workshop. In order to get the most of the series attendance is requested to each workshop.

Get Litty–Read! Local Author Series

Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 7 - 8 p.m., Ewald Branch

Celebrate National Reading Month as authors share their stories, tips and tricks of the literary trade and more.

March 2 - Parker J Cole discusses *The Butcher's Daughter*

March 9 - Bill Honaker discusses *Intellectual Property*

March 16 - Ebony Evans discusses *Dead to Me*

March 23 - Joe Grimm discusses *The Faygo Book*

March 30 - Peter Hammer discusses *No Equal Justice*



Adult Book Groups

Fern Michaels/James Patterson Book Club

11 a.m. - Noon, Ewald Branch

Registration Required



Saturday,
January 14

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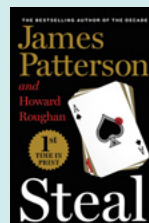
by Fern Michaels



Saturday,
March 25

Secrets

by Fern Michaels



Saturday,
February 25

Steal

by James Patterson



Saturday,
April 22

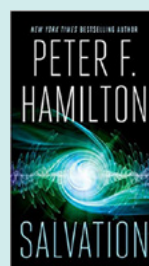
The Red Book

by James Patterson

Science Fiction Book Discussion

7 p.m., Woods Branch

Registration Required



Wednesday,
February 8

Salvation

by Peter Hamilton

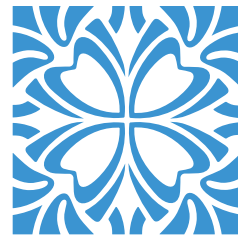


Wednesday,
April 12

Klara and the Sun

by Kazuo Ishiguro

Programs for Families and Children



Reader Dog Drop-in Saturdays

Ewald and Woods Branches

Children may read up to 15 minutes on a first come, first served basis. Bring one of your favorite books or choose one in our collection to share with our Reader dogs at Woods or Ewald. See calendar for dates.



Craft-To-Go Kits

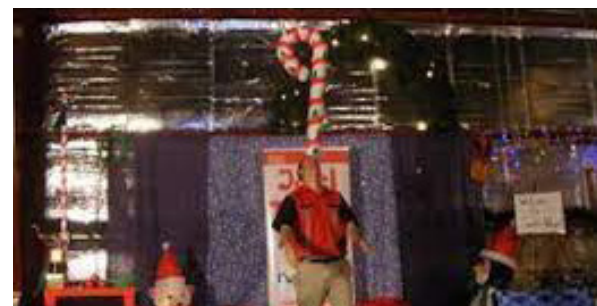
Pop in the library once a month to pick up a fun activity to do at home. Kids craft kits will include materials to create something special, common household items may be needed for some activities. Check the event calendar for details. No registration necessary, first come first served while supplies last.



Joel Tacey's Wacky Winter Comedy Show

Tuesday, February 21, 11 a.m., Woods Branch

Need something fun to do this Midwinter break? Live the adventure of a magical snow day as you encounter Silly Snowballs, discover a Mischievous Sled, taste some Multiplying Candy Canes, warm up with an Endless Cup of Hot Chocolate. And be serenaded by Scott the Singing Snowman.



Winter Story Times

Begin the week of January 23 at your GPPL branches. Registration opens on January 2. See online calendar for details and to register.

Read, Rhyme & Play

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Ewald Branch

Join us for this live, interactive program full of rhymes, music and movement. For babies through age 5. This is a drop in program, no registration required.

Saturday Story Time

Saturday, January 23, and Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m., Woods Branch

Join us for stories, songs, finger plays and more. No registration required.

IditaRead

March 1 - 31

It's a reading marathon. Every year in March canine athlete's race through the Alaskan wilds on a nearly 1,000 mile trek called the Iditarod. Get inspired by their fortitude and commit to going on a reading journey of your own.

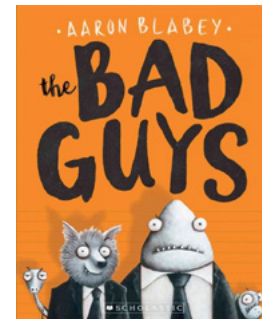
Read every day and track your progress to earn free books and chances in a prize drawing. For readers aged birth - 18. Sign up at gp.beanstack.org



Baddest Trivia Ever: The Bad Guys Edition

Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m., Ewald Branch

Let's get together to celebrate the baddest bunch of do-gooders around. We'll test your knowledge of these hilarious bad guys and see who knows best the exploits of these wannabe heroes. Great for fans of Aaron Blabey's "The Bad Guys" series. Registration opens February 25.



Book Groups

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

5th & 6th Grade Book Group

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Woods Branch

7th & 8th Grade Book Group

Second Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Girls Reading Book Club

January 9, February 13, March 13, and April 10, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

The Girls Reading 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 2nd Monday of the month through April.



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



Programs for Families and Children

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Let's Migrate Too Story Time

Monday, February 13, 4:30 p.m.,
Ewald Branch

Jacob Lawrence was a painter, storyteller, and teacher. He wanted to tell stories about the lives of African Americans. He did this by painting pictures of the people and places he saw every day. Join us to celebrate his art and storytelling of the Great Migration and create some story art of our own. Registration begins on January 23.



Dinosaur Craft

Wednesday, April 19, 4:00 p.m.,
Woods Branch

We'll have fun crafting while we learn about some nifty prehistoric creatures. Registration required.

Paint Chip Poetry

Month of April, Woods Branch

Celebrate National Poetry Month at the GPPL. Stop in to the Woods branch any time in April to create your own paint chip poem to display in the library.



1,000 Hours Outside: New Year – New Fun Outdoors

1,000 Hours Outside is a national movement helping kids and adults spend more time in the great outdoors. We had so much fun getting outside in 2022– from snowy walks to mud parties to releasing butterflies—that we're doing it again in 2023. We'd love for you to join us again or for the first time.

Check our online calendar (grossepointelibrary.org/events) for monthly outdoor programs and take-home nature fun. For more information on the national program, visit www.1000hoursoutside.com.



Michigan Science Center presents "Kaboomistry!"

Wednesday, March 29, 2:00 p.m.,
Woods Branch

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



DREAM Lab maker space

Modeling Monday

In these classes at the DREAM Lab, Adam will teach you how to use TinkerCAD to create 3D Models to print in the 3D printer. Classes are the second Monday each month. Ages 10+

3D Thursday

The Second Thursday each month the DREAM Lab will be hosting a 3D Printing class. Sign-up to learn the ins and outs of 3D printing, the various types of 3D printing and a few tricks to make your prints come out better. Ages 10+

Registration required for both programs.



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Whoa! Whodunnit?!

Friday, January 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m.,
Ewald Library

Can you catch a crafty criminal? Stymie a sinister sneak? Detect a denizen of disaster? A murder has shocked the library, and we must find out Whodunnit! Apply your keen skills of observation and reason to apprehend the foulest of foul players before they add another victim to their deadly list. Ages 11-13. Registration required.



Seed Library - All Ages

Spring is just around the corner. Start planning your garden now. The Grosse Pointe Grows Seed Library re-opens at the Ewald Branch on March 1 and runs through May 31.

Seeds available include:

- 3 kinds of ornamental and environmentally-friendly grasses
- 22 different herbs,
- 30 varieties of flowers
- 30+ different vegetables

New herbs include Cinnamon Basil, Thyme, Catmint, Anise and Greek Oregano. We've also added the New Yorker variety of tomatoes, Black Beauty eggplant and Florence fennel. Our wildflower varieties are native to our area and are hardy and drought-tolerant once established. They also provide wonderful food and habitat for pollinators and help to create a friendly yard for wildlife. Please check out the entire list of available seeds on our website beginning March 1. You may place holds using our online form to pick up your seeds at Central or Woods. Happy planting.



Teen Board Game Club

Thursday, January 26, 3:30 - 5 p.m.,
Woods Branch

Calling all board game masters. Join us on the last Thursday of every month to challenge other students (and some librarians!) to a variety of board games, card games and tabletop games. Bring your favorites from home, or check out what we have at the library. For 7th - 12th grade.

Speed Dating for Books

Thursday, February 9, 6 - 7 p.m.,
Woods Branch

Think you know your type? Eyeing that biography in the corner? Heartbroken by your last read? Fear not. Book speed dating is here to help you take that chance. Come spend some time with our favorite titles and find your perfect match. Teens in 9th - 12th grade. Registration required.

Teen Leadership Council

Wednesday, March 1, 6 - 7 p.m.,
Woods Branch

Looking for a leadership opportunity? The Teen Leadership Council (TLC) is a teen-led group that actively engages with the Grosse Pointe Library system to create programs for teens, participates in community service and advocates for teens at the GPPL. The TLC meets the first Wednesday of every month. Snacks provided. For 9th to 12th grade. Registration required.

Mario Madness: A Mario Kart Tournament

Saturday, March 25, 1 - 3 p.m.,
Woods Branch

Keeping up with the basketball tournament this month? Join a little competition of our own. This one is for the Rainbow Road riders and the Mushroom Cup masters. Winners will receive a 3D trophy printed from our 3D printer in our new DREAM Lab. Themed snacks provided. For 7th to 12th grade. Registration required.

ArtLab

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

For ages 11-13. Registration is required and opens three weeks before each date

M&M Mosaics

January 19

Many colors make a feast for the eyes.

Mardi Gras Masks

February 16

Make a mysterious or mystical mask.
(NOTE: This is a take-home art kit)

T-Shirt Transformation

March 9

Fiber Art at its finest. Repurpose an old t-shirt into something amazing.

Slap Bracelets

April 6

Fabricate flexible fashion for a friend (or for you).



For more information and to register for events,
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Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

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Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

The Friends of the GPPL is a membership and volunteer organization dedicated to supporting and expanding the educational, cultural and outreach programs of the Library. The Friends sponsor activities that encourage literacy, lifelong learning, and the love of reading which stimulates interest in the Library.

2023 marks the 75th Anniversary of The Friends of the GPPL. That is 75 years in service to our community and supporting the Grosse Pointe Public Library. In the past few years alone, the Friends has donated over \$150,000 to the library to support programs such as the Summer Reading Program, Authors to the Pointe, Books on the Lake and the Central Annex location. We also have hosted Used Book Sales, Book Exchanges, Speaker Events and our Annual Meeting.

As we enter our 75th year, please be sure to renew your membership or consider becoming a member. Your support makes it all possible. To learn more about membership, visit our website at www.gpfriends.org/support/become-a-member

Another great way to support the Friends is to visit the Friends Used Bookstore located on the first floor of the Woods Branch to the right of the entrance. All books, DVDs and puzzles for sale are just \$1.00. The bookstore is open whenever the library is open. Our stock is always changing so shop often.

Donation Information

If you have books, DVDs or puzzles to donate, please bring them to the Friends area on the first floor of the Woods Branch during our designated donation hours (see below). Volunteers are on hand to help with your donations during these times. Donations cannot be left at the circulation desk. Donations must be in good, clean condition. For all the details, please visit our website at www.gpfriends.org/support/donate-books.

Donation hours: 1st and 3rd Saturday from 10am – 1pm; and, 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 5pm – 7pm

Leave a Legacy with the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation

We are fortunate to live in a community where our public institutions are revered, diligently cared for and nurtured by our residents. Our three Grosse Pointe Public Library branches are the gems of our cultural heritage, purveyors of our collective intellect, and most deserving of support to further the library's mission to expand learning, inspire creativity, and connect our community.

The need to preserve, enhance and expand our three library branches is a necessary endeavor. The civic minded among us understand that improving our libraries benefits all residents, businesses, home values and more. We hope you share this commitment to the Grosse Pointe Public Library and ask you to demonstrate this commitment with your participation in our Commemorative Giving Program.

The Commemorative Giving Program is a unique opportunity to make your mark on the Grosse Pointe Public Library branch of your choice. All funds raised will support the Library Reimagined Project, which has already accomplished the creation of the outdoor plaza at the Central Branch, improvements and updates at the Ewald Branch and refurbished the Woods Branch. All gifts will receive a commemorative plaque at the branch chosen and your generosity will be on display for all future generations.

Please call the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation at 313.640.4683 or email paige@gplf.org for more information. With your support and generosity, the Grosse Pointes will continue to be home to a world-class library system.

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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.



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