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THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



From the Director, Jessica Keyser

As I write this letter, we are at the exciting junction of our "Library Reimagined" project. We're nearing completion of the interior renovations at the Woods branch and preparing to begin work on the long-anticipated building addition at the Central branch. We are thrilled to reintroduce the Woods branch to the community, with a brand new makerspace we've dubbed "The DREAM Lab," refreshed furniture, carpet and fixtures throughout the building, and expanded restroom facilities that will improve our accessibility for the entire community. These changes are the direct result of feedback from our community stakeholders. Watch for more information about when Woods will reopen and be sure to stop by, take a look around and let us know what you think.

While the Central branch construction is underway, we will be operating a "Central Annex" down the street at 120 Kercheval (previous Northern Trust Bank). At the Annex, you will be able to pick up holds, browse new and popular books, read magazines and newspapers, and even borrow a tool. The Annex will be open Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM. Again, watch for announcements when this opens sometime in June.

Meanwhile, at Central, construction crews will be hard at work building the long-anticipated addition to the historic Mid-Century Modern building. This small addition, which has been approved by the State Historic Preservation Architect, will provide the space to put in a much-needed elevator to the second floor, bring life saving features up to code, and double the youth services space. We will also have a new program room to meet community demand. Check our website and social media for updates.

As another school year comes to a close, we will be launching our annual summer reading program to encourage patrons of all ages to continue reading throughout the summer months. The theme this year is Oceans of Possibilities, and our library team has a fantastic line-up of events and activities to explore this summer. Join us and see what is possible at the Library!

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



Savvy Seniors Computer Classes

Ewald Branch

What Is This Thing? Introduction

Tuesdays, May 17 and August 16,
9 – 10 a.m.

Participants will learn about hardware and software of the computer.

Email: Mail in the Computer

Tuesdays May 24 and August 23,
9 – 10 a.m.

Participants will learn what an email is and how to access. Create an email address. Learn how to send and search email and print from account.

Wild in the World Wide Web

Tuesdays May 31 and August 30,
9 – 10 a.m.

Participants will learn how to search the Internet. Bring your ideas on what you want to find.

Get Social

Tuesdays June 7 and September 6

Participants will get hands-on fundamental knowledge of Facebook and Instagram.

The Library in Your Hands

Tuesdays June 14 and September 13

Participants will download digital libraries Hoopla and Libby and learn how to search and download materials (eBooks, music and movies) on their mobile devices. Bring your cell phones and/or tablets.

Registration required for all classes.

Calligraphy: Writing in Style

Wednesday, May 25, 7 to 8:30 p.m.,
Ewald Branch

Participants will experience the art of calligraphy by completing an introductory project after learning about the tools and materials needed, along with learning how to hold and use a calligraphy pen. Registration required.



Senior Hustle Dance Classes

Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1 – 2 p.m.,
Ewald Branch

Hustle for health and happiness with us. Participants will learn new and old dances as well as some of the greatest.



Dance! West Coast Swing, Latin Rhythms, Tango and Detroit's Ballroom—Oh My!

Saturdays, June, 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1 – 2 p.m.,
Ewald Branch

Join us as we dance Saturdays away. Participants will learn: West Coast Swing, Latin Rhythms, Tango and Detroit's Ballroom. Partners not required (but you can certainly bring one). Registration required.



Digital Downloads 101

Wednesday, June 15, 7 – 8 p.m. , Virtual

Learn how to borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks and access streaming content for free with your library card. We'll cover Libby/Overdrive, Hoopla and Kanopy.

Candle Making 101

Thursday July 14, 6 – 7:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

For yourself, a gift, light or aromatherapy. Come learn to make soy candles. Registration required.



Sand, Stars, Wind & Water – with Author Tim Mulherin

Thursday, August 4, 7 p.m., Virtual and in person, Woods Branch

Sand, Stars, Wind & Water is a tribute to northern Michigan and its people. Mulherin and his wife own a cabin in the village of Cedar. Come join Tim as he shares his experiences and discovery over the decades with a thoughtful and amusing representation of what "Up North" is really about.

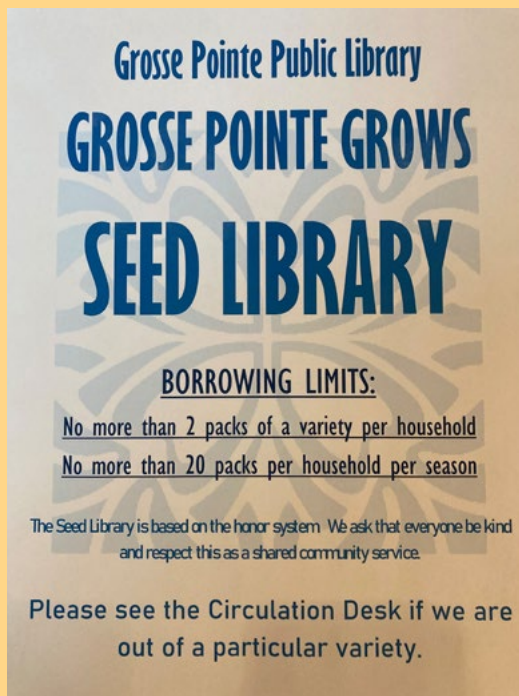




Grosse Pointe Grows Seed Library

It's time to start planting. Check out the Grosse Pointe Grows Seed Library at the Ewald Branch—we've got a new look and many of your old favorites, as well as some new varieties. All of our seeds are open-pollinated, non-GMO, heirloom, native, non-invasive and easy to grow. You can browse our Seed Library or request seeds with the form on our website: <https://grossepointelibrary.org/seed-library>. We'll get the seed packets ready for you to pick up at your branch.

When we grow food, our community grows. When we grow flowers, our community blooms.



Grosse Pointe Garden Center's Garden Tour

Friday and Saturday June 24 and 25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit the Grosse Pointe Public Library's SEED table at the 30th annual Garden Tour. This year's theme is "Grow Green for Earth's Sake." Visit 8 local gardens. Stop by the Library's table at one of the gardens to pick-up free seeds and information about the library's SEED CATALOG.

Go to gpgardencenter.org for more information.



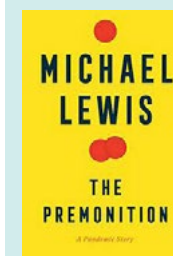
The Veterans Garden, 2021

Adult Book Groups

Non-Fiction Book Discussion

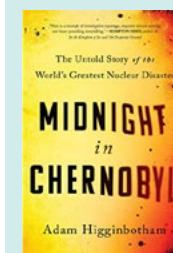
7 - 8 p.m., Central Branch/Virtual

Registration Required



Thursday, May 19

The Premonition
by Michael Lewis



Thursday, July 21

Midnight in Chernobyl
by Adam Higginbotham



Thursday, August 18

Why We Swim
by Bonnie Tsui

Science Fiction Book Discussion

7 - 8 p.m., Central Branch



Wednesday, June 8

Earthcore
by Scott Sigler



Wednesday, August 10

Project Hail Mary
by Andy Weir

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



Story Time

Read, Rhyme & Play

Virtual, 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 Summer Story Time Session. Look for Miss Jane, Miss Melissa and Miss Rachel to bring you a new story time every week between June 1 and August 13.

See our online calendar for details.



Outdoor Story Time

Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:30 a.m.,
Woods Courtyard



Trivia Shellabration

Trivia Shellabration: Part I

Monday, June 20, 2 p.m.

Trivia Shellabration: Part II

Monday, July 18, 2 p.m.,

Seas the day and join us for an afternoon of shrimply silly trivia. It'll be a fin-tastic time. Great for families and trivia fans 6+. Registration required.



Hour of Code

Drawing Ocean Scenes

Thursday, June 30, 2 p.m., Ewald Branch

It shore would be fun to get together to learn how to draw a cool ocean scene through coding. Registration required.



Coding a Fish Scene

Thursday, July 21, 2 p.m., Ewald Branch

What is coding all a-boat anyway? Join us to learn how to code a fishy scene. Registration required.

Oceans of Possibilities – Summer Reading for Kids and Teens

June 1 – August 13

Dive into summer reading. Whether you're swimming through a stack of graphic novels, exploring eBooks on your tablet or listening to audiobooks – all the reading you log earns FREE books and entries for weekly and grand prize drawings. With a treasure trove of programs, activities, and to-go craft kits every month you will have a fin-tastic time. Water you waiting for? There is an Ocean of Possibilities for you at the library. For kids and teens ages 0-18.

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Starting June 1, sign up at gp.beanstack.org then stop by the library to pick up your special Summer Starter Bag, while supplies last.

Tail End of Summer Activity Bag

Saturday, August 13 –All Branches

You've been riding a wave of good books all summer. Stop by the library to pick up an "End of Summer Activity Bag" to reward yourself with a last splash of fun, available while supplies last. No Registration.

Oceans of Possibilities with Paleo Joe

Wednesday, June 22, 11 a.m., Zoom

Join us for a fun program covering some of Michigan's past when we were a warm tropical ocean as well as fishing dinosaurs, Pterosaurs and Ichthyosaurs. Registration required.





Programs for Families and Children

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Nailed It! Under the Sea edition

Thursday, July 7, 6:30 p.m., Location TBD

Join us for our Grosse Pointe Public Library version of Nailed It! At this family event, you'll try your skills at creating some edible, under-the-sea masterpieces. A supply list and bag with some items will be available for pick up at Ewald, starting June 27. Registration required.



Underwater Puppet Adventure

July 11-July 17, Virtual

Join Miss Mermaid and her puppet friends as they learn all about Sea Creatures. Enjoy the tales of Miss Mermaid anytime during the week – no registration is required to view the show. Find the link on the event calendar and library website. Pick up a to-go craft kit from the Library for extra fun with the video. Kits available while supplies last.

Summer Science Day

Wednesday, July 13, Woods Branch

Super Hero STEM

2 p.m.

Kids will be the Super Heroes in this fun, interactive STEM program. Super Hero kids will learn about polymers, engineer flying super heroes, and save the day with some science fun.

Slime Time

4 p.m.

Children will explore the science of slime with hands-on slimy fun. Registration required.

1,000 Hours Outside Summer

1,000 Hours Outside is a movement helping kids and adults spend more time in nature. Rack up your hours by getting outside with the library all summer long.



All programs will take place outside at Ewald. Registration required.

Wild Wednesday Outdoor Games

Wednesday, June 22, 3 p.m.

Bring your A-game and join us on the Ewald lawn to play some giant sized games.

Make Mud Faces

Wednesday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate International Mud Day by making funny faces with mud and other natural found items.

Walk & Talk: Moths

Wednesday, July 20, 5:00 p.m.

Let's add to our outside hours while we walk the neighborhood. This month, Kelly will help us explore the fascinating world of moths.

Social Butterflies

Wednesday, August 24, 10:30 a.m.

Beginning in August through October, monarchs begin to migrate south on a 2500 mile journey. Come learn more about monarchs and play some butterfly-themed games.

Summer Fin Alert

Ewald and Woods Branches

Kids can swim by the library to cast their best guess in our trivia challenge. Weekly clues are posted June 1 – August 13. Your winning sea animal guess could net you a new book or other fin prizes.



New Parent Outreach

Expecting a little one or bringing home a new child? One of our Outreach Librarians can stop by with material for you and/or older siblings and information about resources for families in our area. Sign up by visiting our website or emailing Annie Spence at aspence@grossepointelibrary.org.



A Bubble Pop-In

Wednesday, August 10, 10:30 a.m., Ewald lawn

Learn a-bout bubbles and make some bubbles for a seal-liously fun time. No registration required.

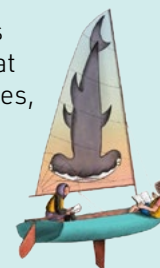


There's more

Stop in the library all summer long for nature-themed craft kits.

GPPL @ Your Parks

Your library is coming to you this summer to play in the sunshine at your municipal parks. Do activities, check out books, visit the Book Bike, enjoy a Story Walk and say "Hi" to your Librarians. Make sure you bring your park pass AND your library card.



Watch the website for locations and dates.

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



Video Game Club

Saturdays May 21, June 18, July 16 and August 13, 2 – 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Drop in for a couple hours and play some games. We'll have Smash Bros., MarioKart and a variety of other multiplayer games available. The August date will be a Smash Bros. tournament with a prize for the winner. Registration recommended.



Anime Club

Fridays May 27, June 24, July 22 & August 19, 2 – 4 p.m., Woods Branch

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



Archery

Wednesdays – July 6, 13, 20, & 27, 1 – 2 p.m., Woods Branch

Let's shoot some targets. Learn how to use a bow and arrow. Practice makes perfect. Registration recommended.



Shadow Puppet Workshop

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

Create magic with light and shadows in this exciting workshop. Participants will create their own shadow puppets, and then perform with them on a large shadow puppetry stage. Bring shadows and stories to life. For ages 10-17. Registration opens June 7.



Chess Club

Saturday July 30 & August 27, 2 – 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Come play chess with other players. Learn how to play or get better. Open to everyone. Registration recommended.



Nerf After Hours

Friday, August 5, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Ewald Branch

Let's end summer reading with a bang. Or should we say, battle? The library will be open after closing to have an epic nerf battle. Food and drinks will be provided. Registration required.



ArtLab – Summer Fun

For ages 10-17. Registration is required and opens 3 weeks before each event.



Candy Sushi

Thursday, June 23, 3 p.m., Ewald Branch

The sweetest treats in the ocean – no seafood required. Turn candy into a fresh work of sushi art.

Jellyfish Friendship Bracelets

Thursday, July 14, 3 p.m., Woods Branch

National Friendship day is at the end of July. Create a bracelet and recycled beads to show your bestie how much you care.

Creatures of the Deep Circuits

Thursday, August 11, 3 p.m., Ewald Branch

With paper circuits, make a glowing greeting card or other paper construction inspired by the creepy creatures of the deep.



Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

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Connect With the Friends at our Annual Meeting

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.

The Friends look forward to connecting with our members at the Annual Meeting on May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Members will enjoy hors d'oeuvre, drinks and speakers including Cynthia Tennent Sohn, Author and Director at Fair Lane. The event is at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House at 1100 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores. Attendees can tour the Visitor Center exhibits and the grounds prior to the event. If you are a Friends' Member and interested in attending, reservations are required so please email us at: gpfriends.org@gmail.com by May 14 to reserve your place. Not a member, join at www.gpfriends.org.

The recent Books on the Lake event on May 7 was sponsored by the Friends of the GPPL. We are honored to partner with the library on such beloved events.

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

The Friends of the GPPL is truly grateful for our members who make everything we do possible. Please be sure to renew your membership for 2022 or join as a new member at www.gpfriends.org!

Create Your Legacy, Support the Library

Consider a planned or commemorative gift to the Grosse Pointe Public Library and earn your rightful recognition as one who helped bring a new chapter of Grosse Pointe history to life.

Join the Legacy Circle with one of the following popular planned giving options:

- Bequest by will or trust – simply include information in your estate planning documents
- Retirement Plan – consider naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement plan; such as IRA, Keogh, 401(k) and 403(b)
- Life Insurance – by making the Foundation a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, you can make a much larger gift than you could possibly make during your lifetime.

Participate in the exciting Commemorative Gift program to demonstrate your civic leadership and associate your name with the branch of your choice. These gift options range from \$250 to \$250,000 and include many ways to support our branches, the buildings' beautiful spaces and architecture and the joy of reading for countless residents.

Questions regarding Legacy Circle and Commemorative Gift Giving may be directed to the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation at 313.640.4683.

Leadership Changes at the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation

After four years of strong leadership, Executive Director Beth Vernon is stepping down from her role at the Foundation and beginning a new chapter at the Detroit Athletic Club. As stated by Foundation Board of Directors' President Andrea Abram, "I deeply appreciate all that Beth has provided to the Foundation during her tenure...her leadership was critical during the pandemic; she choreographed fundraisers, attracted new donors, strengthened our board in many ways, led the development of the newsletter and so many other impressive accomplishments." She will be missed.

Stay tuned for future developments on new leadership.

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How Can I SUPPORT THE LIBRARY?

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.



LEAVE A LASTING GIFT. Leave your lasting legacy by naming the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation as a beneficiary of your IRA, life insurance policy or annuity. Call 313.640.4683 to learn how you can impact the Library for generations.

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Library Open 7 Days A Week

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

(Sunday hours only during the school year)



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10 Kercheval Ave.
at Fisher Rd
Grosse Pointe Farms
(closing May 20 for renovations)



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Grosse Pointe Park



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