



# Library Pointes

THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



### From the Director, Jessica Keyser

#### **Authors to the Pointe**

Fall brings much excitement to the GPPL, including the return of our signature fall author event, Authors to the Pointe. We are thrilled to welcome authors Anthony Doerr and Angeline Boulley to Grosse Pointe this year. Doerr's runaway New York Times bestseller *All the Light We Cannot See* won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and was a finalist for the National Book Award. Doerr's latest book, *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, was a finalist for the National Book Award in 2021 and for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize in 2022 and named a top book by many outlets including The New York Times, Entertainment Weekly, NPR and TIME.

Angeline Boulley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. *Firekeeper's Daughter* is her debut novel and was an instant #1 NYT Bestseller. The book has been named the Walter Dean Myers Award for Outstanding Children's Literature, the Printz Award, the William C. Morris award for YA debut literature, and was an American Indian Youth Literature Award Honor Book.

Thank you to the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library for your support of this event.

#### **Back to School Resources**

Fall has us thinking about back-to-school. The Library has a wealth of free resources for learners of all ages. Some of our most popular databases are:

- Britannica School
- WorldBook Early Learning
- Brainfuse
- Mango Languages
- Learning Express Library
- MeL eResources for School

The most valuable resource of all is the professional library staff standing by to help you. Reaching a librarian is easier than ever. You can chat with us live on our website, call the library, or visit us seven days a week during the school year. Let us be your partner in your journey of lifelong learning.

#### Ode to the Annex

At the writing of this newsletter, we are preparing to move out of the Central Annex, our temporary branch on the Hill. Departing the Annex is bittersweet. We are all so excited to return to "Big Central," as we've come to refer to the Central library, but we've treasured the time we've spent at the Annex. We enjoyed seeing many of our regular patrons in a new setting, and meeting some new friends who discovered us while we were there. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library and property owner Ed Russell for providing us with the funds and the beautiful space to serve as our temporary location. This has truly been a remarkable chapter in the history of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, and we will treasure the memories for a lifetime.

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## **Adult Programs**



#### **Hustle For Health Dance Classes**

Saturdays: September 9, October 7, November 4 and December 2. Noon – 1 p.m., Ewald Branch

Hustle dance classes are back. Dance with us for health and happiness. Participants will learn the latest and some of the older but greatest hustle dances. Please register.



#### **DANCE for Hispanic Heritage Month**

Thursdays, September 14 and 21, 7 - 8 p.m., Ewald Branch

Join us as Buford Collins leads our steps to Salsa and Bachata. Please register.



#### **Higbie Maxon Agney Lecture Series**

# The History of the Vernier Family and St Paul's Cemetery

Wednesday, September 27, 7 p.m., Grosse Pointe Historical Society History Center, 375 Kercheval Ave



Jean Baptiste and Catherine Vernier played a pivotal role in the history of the Vernier family. Having arrived in Grosse Pointe around 1790, not only did they establish a life for themselves they also laid the foundation for the family to become important members of the community for centuries to come. Catherine Vernier passed away in August 1831, she has possibly the oldest gravestone in St Paul's Cemetery. Jean Baptiste passed shortly after in 1834. This year the original headstones were repaired and relocated. Expertly carved replacement headstones were then placed in the cemetery, thus concluding a three-year project to mark their final resting place.

Presented by Katie Doelle and Jim Verney, a descendent of the Vernier family.

# The Work of Popular Grosse Pointe Architect Robert O. Derrick

Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

Robert O. Derrick played a pivotal role in helping transform the architectural scene in Grosse Pointe during the 1920's. He was a prolific architect in the community, specializing in creating large formal residences for prominent clientele who were looking for "something spectacular." During the 1920's and 1930's Derrick created multiple homes and several public buildings in Grosse Pointe, including his masterpiece – 211 Vendome; the Grosse Pointe Farms water filtration and pumping station; the Little Club; several schools; and the Punch and Judy Theater. Derrick lived and worked in Grosse Pointe and was a popular figure in the community.

Presented by Paula Draper

#### **Thoughts to Action Lecture: LWV Presents Prop-2**

Wednesday, September 27, 7 p.m., Woods branch

Proposal 2 of 2022, also known as "Prop 2," was on the November 2022 general election ballot. Its purpose was to amend the Michigan state constitution to make our elections more accessible and secure. This town hall meeting will provide you with the information you need to understand your new rights and how to exercise them. Please register.

#### The Gales of November: The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m., Woods Branch

November can generate some of the most volatile storms in the Great Lakes. These storms have become legendary and have been responsible for many of the estimated 6,000 shipwrecks in the



Great Lakes. Of all the ships lost on the inland seas, the loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald is the most well-known. Steven Mrozek will talk about the infamous November storms and the sinking of the Fitzgerald in 1975. Please register.

#### **Never Whistle At Night Book Reading**

Monday, October 9, 7 p.m., Ewald branch

This Indigenous Peoples' Day, join local author Mathilda Zeller for a reading of the new indigenous dark fiction anthology, "Never Whistle At Night, "a celebration of Indigenous peoples' survival and imagination, and a glorious reveling in all the things an ill-advised whistle might summon." Please register.



# Thoughts to Action Lecture: Embracing a Plant-Based Lifestyle

Thursday, October 19, 6:30 p.m., Ewald branch

Marc Ramirez, a former University of Michigan football player and co-founder of the nonprofit Chickpea and Bean, will discuss how he lost 50 pounds and reversed

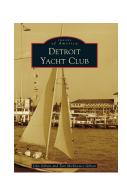


Type 2 diabetes with the power of plants. His wife Kim, co-founder of Chickpea and Bean, will share tips and tricks about what to shop for and how to prepare food while transitioning to a plant-based lifestyle. Please register.

#### **Detroit Yacht Club**

Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

The Detroit Yacht Club (DYC) began in 1868, shortly after the end of the Civil War. Since its founding, the yacht club has played an essential role in Detroit society. Under the leadership of Gar Wood and Gus Schantz, Detroit became the world's center for the new sport of speedboat racing. America's 1932 Olympic swim team competed at the club en route to its gold medal victories, and from 1932 to 1935, the club hosted bouts for Detroit's Golden Gloves boxing tournament. Today's clubhouse was designed by George



Mason, the architect of Detroit's Masonic Temple and Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel. It's the largest yacht club facility in the United States. Presented by local authors John and Toni Gibson. Please register.



#### **Local Haunts**

Monday, October 30, 4 - 5:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

Daralynn Walker will read from her latest book: *The Ghostly* Tales of Detroit, just in time for Halloween. Stay behind for a scavenger hunt after the ghoulie family story time. Please register.



#### **How to Begin Researching Your Family Tree**

Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

Genealogist Katherine R. Willson presents the basics of genealogy research, including gathering information, filling in common charts, locating public records and navigating online resources to build a family tree. Please register.



Freedom to Wander: Connecting with the Past, Reinventing the Future

Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

Book Talk and Pasta Demonstration with Robert Gaglio. How do you go from being a banker for 24 years to owning an Italian tour business? Robert  $\label{eq:Gagliolost} \textit{Gaglio lost more than his livelihood in the market}$ crash of 2008. Tracing family roots to Italy, he found that 100 years earlier his grandfather left home in search of the American dream. Robert found long-lost cousins and a beautiful country.

He fell in love with life again and discovered a re-energized passion for work. Gaglio will discuss his memoir while he demonstrates making pasta from scratch. Please register.

# FREEDOM

#### Fall Is The Perfect Time To Plant Native Wildflowers

Month of November, Ewald Branch

Did you know? November is a great time to spread your native wildflower seeds. Planting seeds in the fall is the easiest way to mimic Mother Nature for cold stratification necessary for successful germination. Ewald's Seed Library will open the native wildflower and herb perennial collection for the month of November. This year, along with our typical natives, we have focused on partial shade and shade natives so come take a look.



#### Meet Cutes & More: Record the Story of How You Met

This fall and winter, the library is gathering more oral histories in our recording booth. Now we want to know how you met someone special in your life. It could be a romantic partner, a best friend, your "work-wife," your child, or a beloved pet. If you're interested in sharing your story and want more details, please email Annie Spence at aspence@grossepointelibrary.org.

#### **Adult Book Groups**

#### **Science Fiction Book Discussion**

7 p.m., Woods Branch

Registration Required



Wednesday, October 11, 7 p.m.

#### The Cruel Stars

by John Birmingham



Wednesday, December 13, 7 p.m.

#### The Wanderers

by Meg Howrey

#### Readers' Choice Book Discussion Group

11 a.m. - Noon, Ewald Branch

Registration Required



Saturday, October 28, 11 a.m. - Noon

#### The Wishing Pool

by Tananarive Due



Saturday, November 25, 11 a.m. - Noon

#### The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

### The Mountains Sing

by Nguyen Phan Que Mai



Saturday, December 16 , 11 a.m. – Noon

#### Wildflower

by Aurora James

## **Programs for Families and Children**



#### **Fall Into Reading**

October 1 - November 30

It's time to dive into a pile of good books this fall. Kids and Teens 0 – 18 will harvest free books and entries to a drawing for gift cards to local businesses. Log reading progress and completed activities in your Beanstack account. Sign up at qp.beanstack.org



#### **Craft-To-Go Kits**

Visit your branch once a month to pick up supplies to create something fun at home. These kits for kids include instructions and materials. 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.



#### **Fall Craft Day**

Wednesday, November 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Woods Branch

Stop by the library any time between 10 and 4 to make a craft to take home.



#### **Drop In Craft**

Wednesday, December 27, 1 – 4 p.m., Central Branch

Hey kids. Stop by for some creative crafting. No registration necessary.

#### Reader Dog Drop-In Saturdays

2 - 3 p.m., Woods and Ewald Branches

Check our online calendar for upcoming dates. Drop in and read with one of our friendly dogs for some great reading practice & puppy love. No registration required.



#### **Story Festival**

Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ford House

The Ford House, ECHO & the Grosse Pointe Public Library are partnering to bring literacy and fun to children and their families. Featured guests include author & musician Jim Gill, author Kelly DiPucchio, outdoor educator Momcat Kelly and more. Visit www.fordhouse. org for tickets and more information.

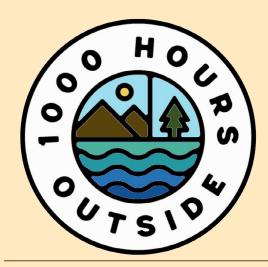


#### **Girls Reading Book Club**

October 9, November 13, December 11, 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 at Ewald, October through April. Space is limited. Please register.





#### **1000 Hours Outside**

1000 Hours Outside is a movement helping kids and adults spend more time in nature. All ages are welcome. All programs take place outside at the Ewald Branch, unless otherwise noted. Please register.

#### September

Wednesday, September 20, 4:30 p.m.,

Kathleen Wolney will lead us in an outdoor yoga session for the whole family.

#### **October**

Wednesday, October 25, 4:30 p.m.

Join us to celebrate Bat Appreciation Week. This month, Kelly will help us learn more about the spooky and helpful flying mammal, the bat.

#### November

Monday, November 27, 4:30 p.m.

Let's prepare together for the upcoming winter months by celebrating November's Full Moon, often called the Beaver Moon.

#### **December**

Thursday, December 21, 4:30 p.m.

Join us to celebrate a full year of outside adventures. We'll be sharing our favorite outdoor memories, drinking hot cocoa and celebrating the winter solstice.



# Programs for Families and Children

#### 5th & 6th Grade Book Group

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Woods Branch (Starts Sept 26)

#### 7th & 8th Grade Book Group

Second Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Woods Branch (Starts Sept 12)

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

#### Coding Fun @ Ewald

#### Disney Infinity Play Lab

Thursday, October 12, 1:30 p.m.

Use Disney characters to learn to code and then create your own story. For kids in grades 2 - 8. Registration required.



#### **Star Wars**

Tuesday, November 7, 1:30 p.m.

Learn coding techniques with Star Wars characters and then create your own game. For kids in grades 2 - 5. Registration required.





#### Weather Watch - A Michigan Science Center Hands-On Workshop

Wednesday, November 8, 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Central Branch

Register for one session only, please.

Participants will put their building skills and problem solving to the test as they work together to come up with a structure to withstand different weather events. We'll take a dive into the weather and climate to see if your team has what it takes to beat the destructive forces of nature.

1st – 6th grade.

# Bedtime Stories with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Enjoy stories and songs with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Please register.



#### **Fall Story Times**

It's time for our Fall Story Time session. Look for Miss Jane, Miss Melissa and Miss Rachel to bring you new story times. See our online calendar for details.

#### Read, Rhyme & Play

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Join Miss Melissa for this live, interactive program full of rhymes, music and movement. For babies through age 5. No registration required.



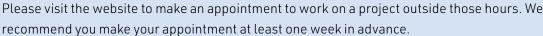
# **Expanded DREAM Lab Hours**

#### **Meet Edward**

Changes are coming to the DREAM Lab. Our newest addition is a Laser Cutter/Engraver, Edward. Edward is an X-Tool, M1 10W Diode laser that can cut through up to 8mm of basswood, engrave into anodized aluminum or stainless steel, and even doubles as a vinyl cutter. Come on in to check it out.

(Supervision required)

DREAM Lab hours will be expanding to include Friday and Saturday this fall. Look for more information on our website and in our e-newsletters.





# Middle School and Teen Programs



We're celebrating TeenTober. This nationwide celebration aims to promote teen services and innovative ways to help teens discover their passions. Join in on the fun all October long.

#### **Spooky Glass Lanterns**

Wednesday, October 11, 3 - 5 p.m., Woods Branch

Come design your own spooky glass lantern to celebrate the season. Teens grades 7-12. No registration required. While supplies last.

#### **Eeek! Whodunnit?**

Friday, October 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Ewald Branch

A fiendish crime, a spooky evening, a list of suspects with conflicting stories – can you uncover the culprit before they strike again? Bring a fellow detective and use your deductive skills to crack the case. Ages 11-13.

Registration opens September 22.



#### **Coaster Making for Teens**

Monday, October 16, 3 – 5 p.m., Woods Branch

Use our new Laser Engraver in the DREAM Lab to make your own unique coaster. Teens grades 7-12. Please register.

#### **Retro VHS Lights**

Wednesday, October 25, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Give VHS tapes a second life. Create your own VHS lamp. Teens grades 7-12. Please register.

#### **Haunted Gingerbread Houses**

Monday, October 30, 5 – 6:30 p.m., Woods Branch

Build your own haunted gingerbread house while we watch a horror movie. Teens grades 7-12. Please register.

#### **Meet Up and Make**

For ages 11-13. Make something magnificent while hanging out with friends. Registration opens three weeks before each date.

#### **Cuddly Cacti**

Monday, November 6, 4:30 p.m., Central Branch

Cultivate a potted cactus or two with yarn and supplies.

#### **Snow Globes**

Monday, December 4, 4:30 p.m., Central Branch

Create your own glittery globe to give as a gift or keep.



# **Back To School Resources**

Find all of our Back-To-School resources on our website, grossepointelibrary.org/research-learning.

#### **America's News**

Over 5,000 news sources from metro Detroit, Michigan, the US and around the globe. Vetted, primary source material for all types of research.



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# Friends and Foundation of the Grosse Pointe Public Library

#### 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.

The Friends proudly supported the GPPL Summer Reading Program with a financial commitment and volunteer hours. The Friends is also sponsoring the Authors to the Pointe event on October 7 which promises to be a great event. Thank you to the GPPL Librarians for such impactful programming.

In July, the Friends welcomed three new board members – Susan Christensen, Amy Sherry and Andrea Symbal. We also thank our board members who stepped down, Ed Allotta, Jill Campbell, Richard Larry and Brian Simpson.

The Friends sell used books and other materials to generate funds that support library programming. There are multiple opportunities to buy. One is the Friends Used Bookstore that is located on the first floor of the Woods Branch to the right of the entrance. All books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles for sale are \$1.00. The bookstore is open whenever the library is open. Our stock is always changing, so shop often.

Patrons can also shop our \$5 Bag Sales on the last Saturday of each month in the Friends storage area in the lower level of the Woods Branch from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. For \$5 we provide you with a grocery-size bag that you can fill with books, puzzles, DVDs and CDs. Friends' members can start shopping at 9:30am.

There also are shelves at the entrance of the Ewald Branch that are constantly stocked with new selections of used books that can be purchased from the Circulation Desk.

To learn more about membership, visit our website at www.gpfriends.org/support/become-a-member

If you have donations please bring them to the Friends area on the first floor of the Woods Branch during our designated donation hours (see below). 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 are:

• 1st and 3rd Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

• 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

#### Foundation Fundraiser Gets a Reboot

This year, on Thursday, October 26 at Ford House, we're hosting a new version of our annual fundraiser. *Books & Bubbles:* A Sparkling Celebration of the Grosse Pointe Public Library promises to be an effervescent event with a casual vibe.



You can expect hors d'oeuvres, various sparkling beverages, strolling dinner, competitive bidding on some amazing silent auction items, lively entertainment from the Thrift Shop Three, and a few surprise attractions/prizes. Jamie Edmonds, sports anchor/reporter for WDIV, will serve as emcee.

#### 2023 Event Committee:

Co-chairs – Nancy Gandelot Spearman and Carly Russell Committee members – Lana Augspurger, Greg Bowens, Annette Cataldi, Paige Domzalski, Lynette Goulet, Erica Lewandowski, Sandy MacMechan, Andy Spearman and Gina Tecos

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Tickets will be on sale in September. Sponsorships are still available. Information regarding both can be found at gplf.org.

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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 <u>www.gplf.org</u> to make a gift today and help inspire, inform and engage.



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**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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