

Library Pointes

THE TRI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY



From the Director, Jessica Keyser

Central Library Grand Re-Opening and 70th Anniversary Celebration

Thank you to everyone who came to the Central Library on November 24 to celebrate the grand re-opening and 70th anniversary of the Central Library-over 1,000 people in total! At the dedication of the Central Library in 1953, W. Hawkins Ferry said, "The ideas and planning of many people went into the realization of this building, but its final form as we see it today is the creation of architect Marcel Breuer. He visualized the building not as a mere repository of books but as a social, cultural, and civic crystallization point. Literature and art were made to be more accessible in an inviting home-like atmosphere." It was our intention to honor that spirit of welcoming and accessibility in all of the recent improvements to the building, and having so many people of all ages celebrating in the library was truly affirming. We are thrilled to be open seven days a week to serve you, and we thank you for your support.

New Website Accessibility Features

At the Grosse Pointe Public Library, we strive to be accessible and welcoming to all. To further fulfill this mission, we now provide "Recite Me" assistive technology on our website, which enables visitors to customize their experience to best suit their individual needs.

1 in 4 people in the US have a disability that can prevent them from reading and understanding online content. With the introduction of Recite Me on our website, those with a disability, learning difficulty, low visual impairment, or speak English as a second language, can access information barrier-free.

The toolbar includes a variety of features, such as a screen reader, reading aids, fully customizable styling options, and a translation tool with over 100 languages.

Recite Me enables those who face online access barriers to take an active part in our digital world. For more information go to ReciteMe.com.

DREAM Lab Update

Due to popular demand, we have extended the hours of the DREAM Lab at the Woods branch. The DREAM Lab is a place to come and try do-it-yourself experiments and make use of technology and equipment for making your creative projects come to life.

The DROP-IN HOURS are: Mondays 3 - 6 p.m. **NEW** Tuesdays 3 - 8 p.m. Wednesdays 3 - 6 p.m. Thursdays 3 - 6 p.m. **NEW** Fridays 1 - 4 p.m. **NEW** Saturdays 1 - 4 p.m.

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Adult Programs



Appy Hour

Wednesdays January 10 through February 14, 3 - 4:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

Appy Hour is a six-week program designed to meet GPPL's mission statement: to expand learning, inspire creativity, and connect our community. Are you interested in learning more about the resources and services



your library provides? Attend an Appy Hour to learn something new. Each week will cover a different theme/set of apps. No registration required.

Please be sure to bring your own device to download the apps, as well as your library card. If you do not have your library card, you will need your ID.

Bibliobanter - GPPL's Podcast

Join your favorite long-winded librarians (Adam & Lexi) as they discuss books, movies, authors, legends and all things bibliomania on the GPPL's Podcast Bibliobanter. Listen to our episodes for bookish fun, reviews on great media (and...not-so-great media), and interviews with authors, local bookstores and more. Find us on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google, or anywhere else you get your podcasts.



Meet Cutes: Record the Story of How You Met

This winter the library is gathering more oral histories in our recording booth. We want to know how you met someone special in your life. It could be a romantic part-

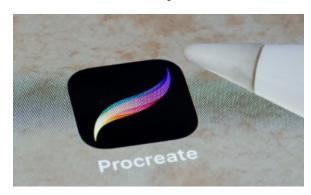


ner, a best friend, your "work-wife/husband," your child or a beloved pet. Don't worry about what questions you need to ask, we'll walk you through the process. Interested in sharing your story? Sign-up by visiting our website https://grosse-pointelibrary.org/meet-cute-an-oral-history-recording-session

We Create with Procreate!

Mondays, January 8, 22, 29, 10 - 11 a.m., Ewald Branch

Join us for an intro to the digital illustration app: Procreate. Bring your BIG imagination and iPad or iPhone with Procreate uploaded to participate in creating a project that we will build on each session until completion. (Participants who don't have iPad or iPhone are welcome to watch the demonstration.) Please register.



Yarn-Up Knitting and Crochet Club

Thursdays, January 11, February 8, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, 1 - 2 p.m., Ewald Branch

Bring your skills to share and learn some new ones. Each month we will try something new to show and tell he following month. Please register.

Hustle for Health

Thursdays

January 11, February 8, March 7, April 18, May 16, 6 - 7 p.m., Ewald Branch

Saturdays

January 13, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11, Noon - 1 p.m., Woods Branch

Dance with us for health and happiness as Cheryl Wright teaches us the latest and some older but great hustle dances. Please register.



Origins of Country and Rock and Roll

Saturday, February 24, 1 p.m., Ewald Branch

Join us for a lyrical lesson led by One Single Rose aka Rosemarie Wilson as we cruise down the path of Country and Rock and Roll music. Please register.



What's New In The DREAM Lab?

DREAM Lab - ADULT SWIM

Coming Soon, the DREAM Lab (in the lower level of the Woods Branch) will be hosting adult only drop-in and work hours. Once a month the lab will host adults and only adults. Check the online calendar and make plans for your projects, grown-ups.

Drop In Hours:

Mon, Wed & Thur - 3 - 6 p.m.; Tuesdays 3 - 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 1 - 4 p.m.

You may also schedule an appointment to use the DREAM Lab. Just visit our website – grossepointelibrary.org/dream-lab





Higbie Maxon Agney Lecture Series



The Work of Prolific Architect Wallace Frost

Wednesday, January 24, 7 p.m., Central Library

The Wallace Frost homes around Michigan are often described as "prized finds." During his career this prolific architect created over 40 homes in Birmingham and several wonderful homes in Grosse Pointe, encompassing traditional and contemporary designs. Some of his key projects during the 1920s involved creating two grand mansions on the shores of Lake St. Clair, three large homes in Grosse Pointe Farms, and a sprawling mansion on Windmill Pointe. "Wally" houses are always something special.

Presented by Paula Draper. Please register.



Safari Secrets of the Masai Mara and Serengeti

Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m. Central Library.

Safari Secrets of the Masai Mara and Serengeti. Noted travel writer and author, Ellen Creager takes us on an African safari in Kenya. Please register.



The History of the Junior League Designers' Show House

Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m., Central Library

The Junior League of Detroit
Designers' Show House began
in 1976. This popular event has
been held in some superb homes,
showcasing the work of many of
Detroit's most talented interior
designers, and welcoming nearly
300,000 visitors - raising over \$5 million. 2024
welcomes the 25th and FINAL Designers'
Show House. Join Ann Baxter, past president
of several show houses, as she presents the
history of this celebrated event. Please register.

Adult Book Groups

Readers' Choice Book Group

Saturdays, January 27, February 24, March 23, April 20, May 18, 11 a.m. – Noon, Ewald Branch

The readers have spoken. They also choose the books. Join us one Saturday a month for discussion. There is fun to be had. Please register.



Science Fiction Book Group

7 p.m., Woods Branch

Please register.



Wednesday, February 14

Footfallby Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle



Wednesday, April 10

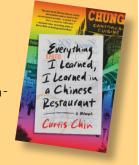
Light Years from Home by Mike Chen

Author Program

Meet Author Curtis Chin

Monday, February 5, 7 p.m., Central Library

Writer, filmmaker and activist Curtis Chin will present his memoir *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant*. His family-owned Chung's Cantonese Cuisine was a staple in the Cass Corridor for decades. He grew up experiencing the many changes in that area in the 80s. There will be an opportunity for book purchase and signing following the presentation. Please register.



Spring into Creative Writing

Saturdays, March 9 and 23, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ewald Branch

Join us as satirist and orthographic artist, Oneita Jackson, leads us into the world of words as we create our own short stories. Bring your enthusiasm and imagination, everything else will be provided. Please register.



Discovering Stained Glass of Metro Detroit - Dale Carlson

Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m., Central Library

An examination of significant stained-glass installations throughout metro Detroit, with a close look at a handful of significant makers represented and an emphasis on installations found in or in close proximity to Grosse Pointe. Please register.



Prissy Portraits

Monday, May 6, May 13, May 20, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Ewald Branch

Come for a demonstration and the opportunity to make your own Prissy Portrait to take home, in this fun-filled three week build-on session. Basic supplies provided. You may bring your favorite tools and paints if you like. Please register.



Programs for Families and Children



Family Movie Time

Sensory Friendly Movie Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie

(Rated PG)



Saturday, January 6, 2 p.m., Woods Branch

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

Spring Break Family Movie Trolls Band Together. (Rated PG)



Wednesday, March 27, 11:00 a.m., Woods Branch

No registration necessary.

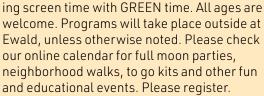
Girls Reading Book Club

January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, 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 through April. Space is limited. Please register.

1000 Hours Outside

Now in its third year, 1000 Hours Outside is a movement helping kids and adults spend more time in nature, replacing screen time with GREEN til



Craft-To-Go Kits

All Branches

One Monday a month visit your library to pick up a creative kids activity to take home. Each kit will include most materials necessary. Common household items may be needed for some projects. Check the library event calendar for dates. No registration necessary, first come first served while supplies last.



Coding Fun

Dance Party: Al Edition

Thursday, January 18, 4:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

Have you ever wondered how Al works? Learn how to make a Dance Party using Al on Code.org. It's helpful to have a code.org account set up to use in class. Recommended for grades 3 and up. Please register.

Code Your Own Sports Game

Thursday, March 14, 4:30 p.m., Ewald Branch

Spring sports are coming. Learn how to code a sports game on code.org. You can even share it with your friends. It's helpful to have a code.org account set up to use in class. Recommended for grades 2 and up. Please register.



IditaRead - Reading Challenge

March 1 - 31

Each year in March dog teams set out through the Alaskan wilderness to run the Iditarod. Gear up with great books and begin your own reading marathon with IditaRead. Commit to reading every day and track your progress to earn free books and chances in a prize drawing. For ages birth – 18.

Sign up at gp.beanstack.org



Letter Writing Day – Operation Gratitude

Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Central Library

Drop by Central to write a letter or draw a picture to say Thank You to those who serve. Operation Gratitude includes handwritten letters in every Care Package sent to Deployed Troops, Recruit Graduates, Veterans, Wounded Heroes and First Responders. You can help send these service members joy with your own letters of appreciation. All supplies will be provided. Drop in, no registration necessary.



Science of the Circus Workshop

Tuesday, February 20, 2 p.m., Central Library

Why does a spinning ball balance better than one that's not? Why does a whip make that cracking sound and how? Enjoy a magic show, learn a few magical secrets and learn the art of juggling. For ages 10+. Registration opens January 30.



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

Programs for Families and Children

March is Reading Month

Baffling Bill the Magician

Saturday, March 2, 11:00 a.m., Woods Branch

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 fun for the whole family. Please register.



Fantasy Illustration

Monday, March 25, 2 p.m., Central Library

Join us at the library to Zoom with artist and author Corinne Roberts in celebration of Reading Month. Corinne will share tips for drawing fantastic creatures and scenery and discuss what it's like to be an author. For ages 10+. Registration opens March 4.



Michigan Science Center presents "Frostology!"

Wednesday, February 21, 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Central Library

Investigate how temperature relates to the movement of atoms and molecules in this exciting presentation. Utilizing liquid nitrogen, we'll see some 'cool' effects on solids, liquids and gases. Please register.



on Von Bubbles aka Bub? Join us for trivia, crafts and fun. For grades K-3. Please register.

Are you a fan of all things Bar-

Diary of a Pug Party

Thursday, March 28,

11 a.m., Woods Branch

Cardboard Challenge

Develop your inner engineer and make an amazing cardboard creation. We provide the materials you bring the imagination. For ages 6 and up. Registration opens March 30.

Saturday, April 20, 2 p.m., Central Library





Winter Story Times

Winter Story Times begin in January at your 3 GPPL branches. Registration opens for Baby Time on January 2. Baby Time (0-23 months) and Preschool Story Time will be held at Central and Woods, Read Rhyme & Play at Ewald. See online calendar for details and to register. Miss Jane, Miss Melissa, and Miss Rachel can't wait to welcome you.



Sensory Story Time

Friday, January 12 and March 8, 10:30, Ewald Branch; Friday, February 9 and April 5, 10:30, Woods Branch

Sensory Story Time is a fun, interactive and educational story time designed for preschool children with varying abilities. Join us for stories, songs and play that incorporate the five senses. Please register.



Reader Dog Drop-in Saturdays

Drop in and read with one of our friendly, trained reader dogs for some great reading practice and doggie time. Reader Dog drop-in sessions will be held at our Ewald and Woods locations. See online calendar for details. No registration required.







Eden

Lucy

Lucky

Paper People

Thursday, March 13 & 20, 9:30 a.m., **Ewald Branch**

Join us for this program with CARE of SE Michigan to help your child learn about self-esteem and handling feelings. For kids 3-5 and their caregivers. Please register.

Afternoon Drop-In Kids Craft

Wednesday, March 27, 1 - 4:00 p.m., Central Library

Hey kids. Come on in for some creative crafting. No registration necessary.

Middle School and Teen Programs



Teen Creativity Circle

Woods Branch

Visit the DREAM Lab on the second Wednesday of each month. 3-5 p.m. No registration required.

Constellation Luminaries

January 10

Valentine's Day Hot Chocolate Jars

February 14

Yarn Wrapped Letters

March 13

Pencil Case Art April 10

Painted Potted Plants

May 8



Teen Game Club

Thursday, January 25, February 29, March 28, April 25, 3 - 5 p.m., Woods Branch

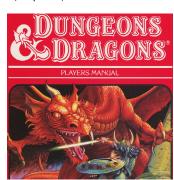
Play video games on Nintendo Switch including Mario Kart 8 and Super Smash Bros and board games including cards, giant UNO and Magic the Gathering. All teens in grades 7 to 12 are welcome. No registration required.



D & D Club

Saturday, January 27, 1 p.m., Woods Branch

Calling all heroes, mages, wanderers and scoundrels. Join us for a monthly Dungeons and Dragons club. All teens in grades 6 to 12 are welcome. Please register.



DREAM Lab Takeover

Friday, March 29, 6-8 p.m., Woods Branch

Come hang out in the DREAM lab for an after-hours teen only event. There's 3D printing, virtual reality, video games, buddha boards and other makerspace activities. Don't forget your phone. We will be turning it into a hologram projector. Pizza will be provided. All teens in grades 7 to 12 are welcome. Please register.

Meet Up and Make

Central Library

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

Snowflakes and Sock Penguins

Monday, January 22, 4:30 p.m.

Create glittery snowflake decorations and a silly penguin.

Mini Zen Garden

Monday, February 5, 4:30 p.m.

Cultivate inner peace with your own itty-bitty garden of calm.



Book Fan

Monday, March 4, 4:30 p.m.

Show your favorite book(s) some love by wearing them. Make buttons and tiny tomes to hang on backpacks or create jewelry.

Total Eclipse of the Art

Monday, April 1, 4:30 p.m.

Create string and scratch art inspired by the Solar Eclipse.

Craft the Force

Monday, May 6, 4:30 p.m.

Assemble a Baby Yoda plush pal.

Seed Library Update

It's time to start planning your garden. The Grosse Pointe Grows Seed Library re-opens at the Ewald Branch March 1 through May 31. We have a large variety of seeds available, including all your favorite flowers, vegetables and herbs

This year's focus is on native shade flowers, but we still have many full-sun options. New vegetables offered this year include delicata squash, "Sweetie" cherry tomatoes, daikon radishes and okra. We've also added "Eastern Star Sedge" to our ornamental grasses line-up and we've added an all-new category, Green Mulch, with "Wild Michigan Strawberries." Please check out the entire list of available seeds on our website and, beginning March 1, you may place holds using our online form if you wish to pick up your selections at Central or Woods. Happy planting.





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 had an exciting fall including the Grand Reopening of the Central Branch. While the Friends were happy to help financially support the Central Annex on the Hill during construction, the re-opening of the building is a joy for us and the community. We also, proudly supported the GPPL Authors to the Pointe and the screening of the documentary Coldwater Kitchen this past fall. All of these sponsorships are made possible by our members and shoppers at our used book sales. In October, we hosted a member-only meet and greet at the Flyleaf bookstore which is a great addition to the Grosse Pointe area. Finally, in November, the Friends welcomed new board member John Minnis and thanked Eva Habib for her service as she stepped down from the board.

Now we are looking forward to 2024. If you haven't already, please consider renewing or becoming a member of the Friends. Your annual membership helps support our mission and members receive benefits such as an invitation to our annual meeting which is once again at the Ford House in April, 2024. To learn more about membership, visit our website at www.gpfriends.org/support/become-a-member.

Another way to support the Friends and library programming is to shop our used book sales. The Friends Used Bookstore is located on the first floor of the Woods Branch to the right of the entrance. All books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles are just \$1. There also are shelves at the entrance of the Ewald Branch and near the circulation desk at the Central Branch containing selections of used books that can be purchased from the Circulation Desk. The stock is always changing, so shop often.

Patrons can also shop our \$5 Bag Sales on the last Saturday of each month in the lower level of the Woods Branch from 10 am - 1 pm. 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.

If you have materials to donate, 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 and ready for resale. 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

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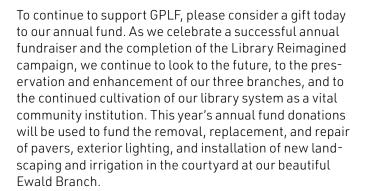
The Grosse Pointe Library Foundation (GPLF) hosted its annual fundraiser with a fresh take this past fall and it was a "bubbly" success. With nearly 200 people in attendance, Ford House was popping on October 26, with excitement, energy, and enthusiasm for our beloved Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The GPLF Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who sponsored, donated, bid and attended the event. Our sponsor roster is long and for that we're so grateful. To see the full list, please visit gplf.org.

Save the date for Books & Bubbles 2024 at Ford House on Thursday, October 24, 2024.







Please visit <u>gplf.org/support</u>, call 313.640.4683 or email <u>paige@gplf.org</u> for more information. With your support and generosity, the Grosse Pointes will continue to be home to a world class library system.





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 <u>www.gplf.org</u> 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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